

AUNT JENNIFER'S TIGER

Q1. Pick out two qualities of the tiger as depicted in the poem?

Or

How do 'Denizen' and Chivalric' add to our understanding of the tiger's attitude?

Or

How have the aunt Jennifer's tigers been described?

Answer. The Tigers are the bright top a citizens of forest. They walk with a chivalry and certainty and do not fear the men sitting under the tree.

Denizen: The word 'denizen' has been used for the tiger. He is the citizen and the king of the forest.

Q2. Where do the tigers appear and what are they doing?

Answer. The tigers appear on a fabric screen. They are prancing across the screen.

Q3. What is the attitude of the tigers towards men?

Answer. The tigers have yellow topaz colour. They symbolize bravery, fearlessness and certainty and do not fear the men sitting under the tree.

Q4. Explain: 'The world of Green'

Answer. It implies for the forest.

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Q5. Why do you think that aunt Jennifer's fingers are fluttering through her wool? Why does she find the needle hard to pull?

Answer. Aunt Jennifer is physically very weak and her hands are very thin. Moreover the weight of the wedding band is lying heavily on her wrist. That's why her fingers flutter when she tries to pull the ivory needle through the wool.

Q6. Bring out the significance of the wedding band in Aunt Jennifer's life?

Or

What does the image 'massive weight of uncles wedding band' suggest?

Answer. Aunt Jennifer has a heavy wedding band of her marriage. It is the symbol of love and affection of her husband. But after the death of husband, the band symbolizes her lost freedom and constraints (complexities) of her married life.

Q7. Whose hands will lie terrified and why?

Answer. Aunt Jennifer feels mentally and physically exhausted as she has to do all the household chores like a slave. So after her death her thin terrified hands will lie flat.

Q8. Why do you think that Aunt has created animals that are so different from her own character?

Answer. Aunt Jennifer is leading a lonely and helpless life. But she has embroidered some tigers on the panel. They symbolize freedom, bravery and certainty. The aunt also wants to get freedom and be brave like the tigers.

Q9. What does the poet mean by the phrase 'ringed with'?

Answer. 'Ring' symbolized slavery and helplessness of Aunt Jennifer.

Q10. What do you understand about the mental status of Aunt Jennifer?

Or

The tigers made by Aunt Jennifer are symbolic of her aspirations? Do you agree? Why/Why not?

Answer. Aunt Jennifer has lost her freedom as she had to carry the heavy burden and constraints of her married life. But she has embroidered some tigers on the fabric screen to show that she is still brave, certain and confident like the tigers.

Q11. What will happen to tigers after death of Aunt? How will the death affect the tigers?

Answer. A thing of art is immortal and has a long-lasting impact on mind and soul. The tigers will keep on prancing across the screen. They will always be brave and certain just like the Aunt.

Phrases

Q1. Read the stanza below and answer the questions that follow:

When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing proud and unafraid.

i. What is Aunt Jennifer's death symbolic of?

- a. he unfulfilled desires
 - b. Her suppression
 - c. He weakness
 - d. All of these
- ii. Explain: 'terrified hands'
 - a. Hands that shivered out of fear
 - b. Hands were bruised
 - c. Hands that shivered due to Parkinson's disease
 - d. hands that were fractured
 - iii. What does 'ringed with ordeals' imply?
 - a. Desire to buy rings
 - b. Chained with responsibilities
 - c. Trapped underwater
 - d. A magical ring
 - iv. What is the poetic device used in the final line of the poem
 - a. Personification
 - b. Alliteration
 - c. Metaphor
 - d. Simile

Q2. Read the stanza e below and answer the questions that follows:

Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
 Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
 They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
 They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

- i. Why does the poet say, Aunt Jennifer's tigers'?
 - a. They are purchased by Aunt
 - b. She has embroidered them by hand.
 - c. She is taking care of the tigers
 - d. None of them.
- ii. How does the tigers symbolize the inspiration of the Aunt Jennifer?

- a. They symbolize the hardship of Aunty
- b. They symbolize the determination of Aunty
- c. They symbolize the dependency of Aunty
- d. None of these.

iii. Find out the poetic device used in the last line of the stanza.

iv. Find out the words that is NOT the meaning of the word, 'Denizen'

- a. Inhabitant
- b. Dwellers
- c. Devotee
- d. Both, 'a' and 'b'