

Chapter-20

Reading With Understanding

Worksheet

A) Read the poem carefully and answer the following questions.

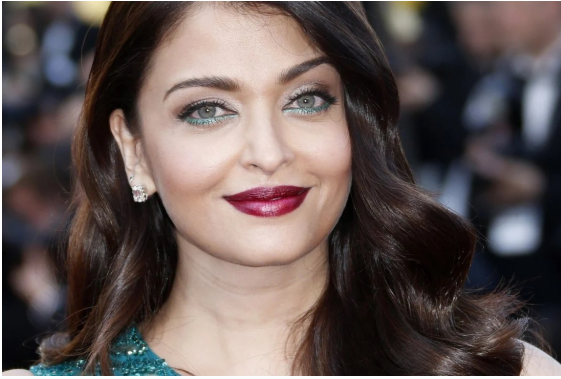
Freedom from fear is the freedom
I claim for you my motherland!
Freedom from the burden of the ages, bending your head,
breaking your back, blinding your eyes to the beckoning
call of the future;
Freedom from the shackles of slumber wherewith
you fasten yourself in night's stillness,
mistrusting the star that speaks of truth's adventurous paths;
freedom from the anarchy of destiny
whole sails are weakly yielded to the blind uncertain winds,
and the helm to a hand ever rigid and cold as death.
Freedom from the insult of dwelling in a puppet's world,
where movements are started through brainless wires,
repeated through mindless habits,
where figures wait with patience and obedience for the
master of show,
to be stirred into a mimicry of life.

- What kinds of freedom is the poet talking about?
- What do you understand by “shackles of slumber”?
- Why is the poet urging the readers to strive for freedom?
- What is meant by the phrase “Puppet’s World”?
- What is referred to as the “burden of ages”?
- What do you understand by the poem? Write your answer in about 80-100 words.

B) Look at the following pictures and write about him/her in about 150 words.



1)



2)

C) Read the line and answer the following questions.

Everybody has hobbies, and everybody loves talking about them.

- What are your hobbies?
- Why do you like your hobbies so much?
- How often do you do these hobbies?
- How long have you been doing these hobbies, and how did you get started?
- What hobbies did you used to have, but now do not?
- Is it important to have hobbies? Why/why not?