

# CLASS NOTES

Class: VII

Topic: Poem 1- Don't Quit

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## C – Answer these questions in 80-100 words:

Q.1) The poem is inspirational and motivating. Give examples from the poem to support the statement.

Ans- The lines from the poem which support the given statement are –

- a) When the funds are low and the debts are high
- b) You may succeed with another blow
- c) Success is failure turned inside out
- d) It's when things seem worst that you must not quit

The above lines from the poem are really inspirational and motivating. The poet urges the readers to have perseverance and strong determination. He also conveys that when the situation is adverse, we need to stand strong and not lose hope. The clouds of doubt may hinder the success but if we continue to fight and not quit in the most difficult times, then we will achieve success.

Q.2) Do you think the title 'Don't Quit' justifies the theme of the unit – 'Against All Odds'? Think of an alternative title for the poem, giving a reason for your choice.

Ans- Yes, the title completely justifies the theme of the unit – 'Against All Odds'. Through out the poem, the poem strongly conveys a message of perseverance. The poet suggests that people should not to quit and strive for success as it is just round the corner, only hindered by clouds of doubt.

An alternative title of the poem may be 'Failure paves way for Success' as the poem conveys the message not to quit in difficult times and failure gives way to success when one keeps trying.

## Appreciating the Poem –

Personification- It is the attribution of human qualities to something non-human.

- Eg-
- a) The trees danced in the breeze.
  - b) That picture says a lot.
  - c) The wind is whispering outside.
  - d) Anxiety is sitting on her face.

e) My computer works very hard.

f) My windows are crying in this heavy rainfall.

**Alliteration** – It is the repetition of the same consonant sound at the beginning of two or more words in a line or sentence.

Eg- a) The trees swayed shyly in the summer breeze.

b) Brian bought black brollies.

c) Sugar makes the sauce sweet.

d) Crisp biscuits and the curious customers.

e) All age admires alphabet adventures.

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