

CLASS NOTES

Class: VI

Topic: The Awakening (Play)

[Character Sketch and Vocabulary]

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Write the character sketch of Param, the woodcutter.

The character of Param as described in the short play 'The Awakening' is that of a very stubborn and ignorant woodcutter who is completely blind to the harm that his vocation causes to nature which is to ruthlessly chop precious trees and sell its timber for profit. No one including his friend Anand nor the travelling Sage is able to convince him of his wrongdoings. His change finally occurs after he falls prey to a poisonous spider sting and suffers an excruciating ordeal as the doctor is unable to cure him due to the lack of the antidote. Param realises that the trees he had been heartlessly destroying in the denser part of the forest bore the antidote that the doctor was after. After the doctor comes back with the required leaves and saves Param's life, he later makes a vow to himself to give up his livelihood and do all he can to protect and conserve the 'bountiful gifts of nature'. His complete turn-around proves that although ignorant at first, Param was indeed an honest and loyal individual for he manages to give up his livelihood in order to preserve that, which saved his life in the time of great peril.

Idioms and its meanings (Ex-A Vocabulary of page-122) are given below. Learn the meanings of the idioms and make sentences with the given idioms in your notebook.

1. Out of the woods-out of danger or difficulty

2. The grass is greener on the other side- to believe that someone else's life is better than their own

3. To lead someone up the garden path-to deceive

4. A shrinking violet- a shy or a timid person

5. to bark up the wrong tree- doing the wrong thing or to pursue the wrong course

6. To beat about the bush-round about way of conveying something

7. To hit the hay- go to bed

8. To nip in the bud- to stop a problem at an early stage

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