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Lesson 17

Pambungad

Magandang araw sa iyo, munting mambabasa! Handa ka na bang galugarin ang ating kwento ngayong araw? Sabay-sabay nating basahin ang librong **“The Little Prince”** isinulat ni **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry**. Huwag mag-alala; gagabayen kita, kaibigan!

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Book Title: The Little Prince (CHAPTER 17)

Author: Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Source:

THE LITTLE PRINCE: CHAPTER 17

Welcome Learner! This is AHA! Learning Center.

You are going to learn chapter 17 of our story “The Little Prince”.

The symbol of the snake has been used in many stories throughout history. A symbol is a type of shorthand in storytelling. In Chapter XVII there are two major symbols, the desert and the snake. Today's objective will be to analyze what these symbols represent.

LEVEL 1 VOCAB HUNT

TEACHER: Before we start our journey to learn what chapter 5 is all about, let's try to hunt some vocabulary words that can help us understand the story much better, and this means that we have to find out the meaning of the following words below.

1. *Inhabitants*
2. *twined*
3. *crowded*
4. *pity*
5. *gaze*

Do you find it hard? Go ahead and ask help from your friends!

LEVEL 2: LET'S READ!

TEACHER: *I know it seems so long, but I know that you can do it!*

When one wishes to play the wit, he sometimes wanders a little from the truth. I have not been altogether honest in what I have told you about the lamplighters. And I realize that I run the risk of giving a false idea of our planet to those who do not know it. Men occupy a very small place upon the Earth. If the two billion inhabitants who people its surface were all to stand upright and somewhat crowded together, as they do for some big public assembly, they could easily be put into one public square twenty miles long and twenty miles wide. All humanity could be piled up on a small Pacific islet. The grown-ups, to be sure, will not believe you when you tell them that. They imagine that they fill a great deal of space. They fancy themselves as important as the baobabs. You should advise them, then, to make their own calculations. They adore figures, and that will please them. But do not waste your time on this extra task. It is unnecessary. You have, I know, confidence in me. When the little prince arrived on the Earth, he was very much surprised not to see any people. He was beginning to be afraid he had come to the wrong planet, when a coil of gold, the color of the moonlight, flashed across the sand. "Good evening," said the little prince courteously. "Good evening," said the snake. "What planet is this on which I have come down?" asked the little prince. "This is the Earth; this is Africa," the snake answered. "Ah! Then there are no people on the Earth?" "This is the desert. There are no people in the desert. The Earth is large," said the snake. The little prince sat down on a stone, and raised his eyes toward the sky. "I wonder," he said, "whether the stars are set alight in heaven so that one day each one of us may find his own again... Look at my planet. It is right there above us. But how far away it is!" "It is beautiful," the snake said. "What has brought you here?" "I have been having some trouble with a flower," said the little prince. "Ah!" said the snake. And they were both silent. "Where are the men?" the little prince at last took up the conversation again. "It is a little lonely in the desert..." "It is also lonely among men," the snake said. The little prince gazed at him for a long time. "You are a funny animal," he said at last. "You are no thicker than a finger..." "But I am more powerful than the finger of a king," said the snake. The little prince smiled. "You are not very powerful. You haven't even any feet. You cannot even travel..." "I can carry you farther than any ship could take you," said the snake. He twined himself around the little prince's ankle, like a golden bracelet. "Whomever I touch, I send back to the earth from whence he came," the snake spoke again. "But you are innocent and true, and you come from a star..." The little prince made no reply. "You move me to pity-- you are so weak on this Earth made of granite," the snake said. "I can help you, some

day, if you grow too homesick for your own planet. I can--" "Oh! I understand you very well," said the little prince. "But why do you always speak in riddles?" "I solve them all," said the snake. And they were both silent.

TEACHER: *Oh no! Before skipping, you might want to consider reading Level 2. You'll understand the story much better if you don't skip the level.*

LEVEL 3: LET'S REVIEW

TEACHER: *This might help you understand the story!*

- The little prince arrives on earth, in the middle of the Sahara Desert. He's surprised not to see any people.
- A gold snake comes and has a conversation with him.
- The snake winds himself around the little prince's arm and tells him of his power to people back to where they came from.
- The little prince understands his meaning.

LEVEL 4: LET'S TRY

TEACHER: *You have gone so far as a learner! Let's do the level 4 to see your ability to understand and remember. If you have your notebook and pen write the letter of the correct answer.*

115. If all humanity were to stand upright and crowd together how much space would they take up, according to Chapter XVII?

- (a) They could be placed in the branches of one baobab tree.
- (b) The state of Texas.
- (c) One public square twenty miles long and twenty miles wide.
- (d) They would fill all of Africa and Asia.

116. When the little prince arrives on the earth, why doesn't he see any people?

- (a) He falls into the ocean and almost drowns.
- (b) Everyone is asleep. It is night.
- (c) He lands in the Sahara desert.
- (d) He isn't looking for them.

117. What is the first creature the little prince meets on earth?

- (a) The golden snake.
- (b) The pilot.
- (c) His own shadow self.
- (d) The businessman.

118. How does the little prince feel when he first arrives on the earth?

- (a) Very happy.
- (b) Lonely.
- (c) Finally at peace.
- (d) Victorious and confident.

119. What does the first creature the prince meets on earth say he is more powerful than?

- (a) The finger of a king.
- (b) The truth.
- (c) The thundering elephant.
- (d) The shining sun.

120. What does the first creature the prince meets on earth offer the little prince?

- (a) To send him back from whence he came.
- (b) To guide him out of the desert.
- (c) To teach him the difference between good and evil.
- (d) To teach him all about the earth and its people.

LEVEL 5: LET'S WRITE

TEACHER: *Getting tired? You are still awesome! you are done with level 4, let's try level five and have some fun.*

TEACHER: *Last wave na to! Wag kang susuko.*

- Write a paragraph for each symbol, desert and snake, and discuss what they each represent in terms of the story.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU ARE DONE WITH CHAPTER 17 SEE YOU TOMORROW FOR OUR CHAPTER 18!

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