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Lesson 9

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-Exupery**. Huwag mag-alala; gagabayan kita, kaibigan!*

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Book Title: The Little Prince (CHAPTER 9)

Author: Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Source: BookRags Inc.

THE LITTLE PRINCE: CHAPTER 9

Welcome Learner! This is AHA! Learning Center. You are going to learn chapter 9 of our story **"The Little Prince"**.

In Chapter IX the plot takes a turn. The relationship between the little prince and his flower is the catalyst for his decision to leave his planet. His decision to leave his planet is the critical incident which launches his story line. The objective of today's lesson is to explore the concept of "critical incident" as it applies to Chapter IX.

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LEVEL 1 VOCAB HUNT

TEACHER: Before we start our journey to learn what chapter 6 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. migration
2. extinct
3. dejection

- 4. reproaches
- 5. Bewildered

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

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LEVEL 2: LET'S READ!

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

I believe that for his escape he took advantage of the **migration** of a flock of wild birds. On the morning of his departure he put his planet in perfect order. He carefully cleaned out his active volcanoes. He possessed two active volcanoes; and they were very convenient for heating his breakfast in the morning. He also had one volcano that was **extinct**. But, as he said, "One never knows!" So he cleaned out the extinct volcano, too. If they are well cleaned out, volcanoes burn slowly and steadily, without any eruptions. Volcanic eruptions are like fires in a chimney. On our earth we are obviously much too small to clean out our volcanoes. That is why they bring no end of trouble upon us. The little prince also pulled up, with a certain sense of **dejection**, the last little shoots of the baobabs. He believed that he would never want to return. But on this last morning all these familiar tasks seemed very precious to him. And when he watered the flower for the last time, and prepared to place her under the shelter of her glass globe, he realised that he was very close to tears. "Goodbye," he said to the flower. But she made no answer. "Goodbye," he said again. The flower coughed. But it was not because she had a cold. "I have been silly," she said to him, at last. "I ask your forgiveness. Try to be happy..." He was surprised by this absence of **reproaches**. He stood there all **bewildered**, the glass globe held arrested in mid-air. He did not understand this quiet sweetness. "Of course I love you," the flower said to him. "It is my fault that you have not known it all the while. That is of no importance. But you-- you have been just as foolish as I. Try to be happy... let the glass globe be. I don't want it any more." "But the wind--" "My cold is not so bad as all that... the cool night air will do me good. I am a flower." "But the animals--" "Well, I must endure the presence of two or three caterpillars if I wish to become acquainted with the butterflies. It seems that they are very beautiful. And if not the butterflies-- and the caterpillars-- who will call upon me? You will be far away... as for the large animals-- I am not at all afraid of any of them. I have my claws." And, naïvely, she showed her four thorns. Then she added: "Don't linger like this. You have decided to go away. Now go!" For she did not want him to see her crying. She was such a proud flower...

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

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LEVEL 3: LET'S REVIEW

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

- The little prince decides to leave his planet.
- He cleans his two active volcanoes, weeds out the baobabs and says goodbye to the flower.
- She asks for his forgiveness and says that she loves him.
- The flower is sad but wants to be left unprotected.
- The pilots thinks the little prince attached himself to some migrating birds and left the planet.

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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.*

67. On his planet what does the little prince heat his breakfast on?

- (a) A large cookstove.
- (b) He eats his breakfast cold.
- (c) Either one of his two active volcanoes.
- (d) The heat of the nearby sun.

68. When he begins having problems with his flower, the prince makes a very big decision. What is it?

- (a) To learn to fly a plane.
- (b) To build a small home.
- (c) To dig a well.
- (d) To leave his planet.

69. When the flower realizes the little prince is leaving, what does she ask for?

- (a) To stay with her forever.
- (b) His forgiveness.
- (c) A drink of water.
- (d) To grow up.

70. When the little prince leaves his planet, he says goodbye to the flower and goes to put her glass globe on. Why does she say she doesn't need the protection any more?

- (a) The flower is too vain to be covered up.
- (b) Because the flower wants to become acquainted with the butterflies.
- (c) Because the flower no longer wants to live and hopes something would soon eat her.
- (d) The flowers wants to make him feel guilty for leaving.

71. Why is the flower not afraid of large animals?

- (a) She is overconfident and not very realistic about life.
- (b) She has the power of speech and will talk them out of harming her.
- (c) She doesn't think there are any large animals on the planet.
- (d) She believes her claws, her thorns, will protect her.

72. When the little prince leaves his planet, does he plan to ever return?

- (a) Yes, he is just going to find more flowers.
- (b) He doesn't have a plan one way or the other.
- (c) No.
- (d) Yes, he is just planning a short vacation.

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LEVEL 5: LET'S WRITE

TEACHER: Last wave na to! Wag kang susuko. Write a paragraph making the case for one side of the statement:

TEACHER: Last wave na to! Wag kang susuko.

- The critical incident in this book was the little prince's decision to leave his planet. How does this decision make the story possible? Does this decision set up the question of whether the little prince will ever return? Do you think he will ever return?

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CONGRATULATIONS! YOU ARE DONE WITH CHAPTER 8. SEE YOU FOR OUR CHAPTER 10!

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