



Provincial Department of Education- Sabaragamuwa- Week School

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Literary texts**

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Grade -10

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The Lumber Room

Saki

Pre - Learning Activities

- Write a short paragraph on the writer, Saki.



- Write a short essay on the topic “*What we prefer to do as children*”

Activity 1

Write answers for the following questions.

01. How many characters are involved in the story?

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02. What are those characters?

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03. Who is the main character in the story?

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04. Write names of places mentioned in the story.

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Activity 2

Read the story and underline the correct answer.

01. In the short story 'The Lumber Room' by Saki, where do the other kids go for the day?

- To the beach
- To the cinema
- To the arcade
- To their uncle's house

02. Why is Nicholas being punished?

- He ate too much jam
- He put a frog in his breakfast
- He fought with his sister
- He lied about his mittens

03. Which of the following is true about Nicholas?

- He is extraordinarily honest
- He is rebellious
- He is a golden boy
- He is so innocent

Activity 3

Write short descriptions on following characters.

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Post Learning Activities

01. Which lines demonstrate the generation gap in the short story "The Lumber Room" by Saki?

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02. Why did the aunt decide to send the children to Jagborough? Why was Nicholas not included in the party?

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Use following links to learn more about this short story.



<http://www.enotes.com/topics/the-lumber-room>

Assessment

Answer the questions

1. "*He told you twice, but you weren't listening. You often don't listen when we tell you important things*"

- (a) Name the work in which these lines appear. Name the writer.
- (b) Who is the speaker? To whom are the words spoken?
- (c) What are the qualities displayed in the listener? (5 marks)

2. "*Only,*" as she remarked to herself, "*because I have told him he is not to.*"

- (a) Name the work in which these lines are found. Who wrote them?
- (b) Who is referred to as 'she'? Who is 'he' referred to? What was "he" told not to?
- (c) How would you describe the character "she"? (5 marks)