



Department of Education, Sabaragamuwa - Weekly School

Week - 10

Subject:- English Literature

Grade :- 11

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Poetry

Richard Cory.

Reading the poem for critical analysis

1. What is the narrative style of the poem "Richard Cory"?
2. How does the writer express the exaggerated behavior of Richard Cory?
3. How does the writer juxtapose the appearance and the reality of the referred character in the poem?
4. Analyze the social context appears in the poem?
5. What effectiveness is brought to the poem through the use of irony in the poem?
6. Discuss the following themes.
 - a. Material prosperity along does not give a contented life
 - b. Appearance vs reality.
 - c. Appearance is deceptive.
 - d. Love and affection is a must for a contented life.
7. "Some expressions in are somewhat absurd and we fail to make sense out of them"
Why does the writer use such expressions in the poem?
8. How does the writer introduce and exaggerate the eponymous character in the poem?
9. Discuss the metaphors and symbols used in the poem and the effect given to the poem through them.
10. The poem suggests that Richard Cory is a morally upright fellow, and he carries a sense of grace and dignity in him but in the final stanza the writer juxtaposes the situation. How does this help to develop his theme?