



Department of Education, Sabaragamuwa - Weekly School

Week - 23

Subject:- English Literature

Grade :- 11

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Father and Son

Cat Stevens

Reading the poem for critical analysis.

1. How do you understand the following expressions.
 - "If they were right I'd agree"
 - "but it's them you know not me"
 - "I have to go"
2. What metaphorical and symbolic impact is given through the following line?
"Now there is a way"
3. "The song is very emotional and melancholic as the love of a father makes the son become frustrated and unhappy". Discuss
4. Why does the father say " I am old but I am happy"?
5. "The young man at great risk is going to take the road not taken by the old man who is inclined to take the conventional path to happiness" Discuss.
6. Defend the point of view; 'The explicit generation gap makes life embarrassing for both the old and the young'
7. Discuss the following
 - "The lyrical technique of the singer presenting both father's and the son's feelings in different tones"
 - "The poetic devices; repetition, rhetorical questions, metaphors, use of imperatives and suitable tenses "