

The Illiterate is an education-related poem by Laxmi Prasad Devkota. In this story shows the importance of education in human life. Where illiterate as well as uneducated people are unable to use the resources properly. For this text four levels part literal comprehension, interpretation, critical thinking/ analysis, and assimilation are:



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Laxmi Prasad Devkota

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Literal comprehension

The [poem](#) 'The Illiterate' was written by Nepali poet [Laxmi Prasad Devkota](#). In this poem, he compared the uneducated persons with different things, objects & animals. According to him, an uneducated person does not understand the value of sunshine. Where an educated person can utilize the energy of the sun in different ways. But the uneducated person used sun only to determine the day & night. He also compared them with the wind. Because the wind flows in any direction they do not have any destinations. Hence uneducated person uneducated person has not any type of aims or destinations.

They were compared with vegetables. Also with the pets i.e. dog because the dogs were so honest towards their owner. An uneducated person cannot make any type of solutions for the problems. They need to ask with the educated person. They do not have any ability to determine what's wrong & what's right, even god also sad for giving life to an uneducated person. At last the poet requested to the God to give them an opportunity to make an educated person.

Interpretation

The writer may be trying to tell us about the value of education in life. In simple, he explained how a person became small in their society if he has not sufficient education like in the poem. He might tell us that education is the chain which every person have to wear to get respect in any kind of society. Otherwise educated person utilize their power for their personal benefits. At last, maybe he says that education is the key to success.

Critical thinking

This poem is really inspirable to the uneducated person. It explains the reality of society, also it explains the role of education in ordinary life. However, after reading this text I have some questions,

- How a human being can be compared with dogs?
- Is it compulsory to be educated to earn respect in the society?
- Also, Is all uneducated person are discriminate in the society?
- Similarly, Is all educated person can earn respect in the society?

Hence, I am not fully happy with this text as well as the poem.

Assimilation

Before reading this text I think people went to the school, colleges & universities to get the passed certificates to get job opportunities. But after reading the text I knew the value of education in life. Education is not the thing which should achieve for the job purpose only. Education plays a great role to make the life of human beings bright. So, I have decided to read books happily from today.

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