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Good morning students

Today we will be doing Ch-8 'Grooming of a Boy' as a part of your English Literature assignment which will be submitted to you on dated th July 2024. All the students are requested to open page number- 49 of your English Literature book titled 'New Trends in English Reader'. Students, keep your practice notebook ready as during this lesson you will be asked a few questions in order to check your understanding of the lesson. Students, now pay attention as I am going to explain you the Summary of 'Grooming of a Boy'. This is a letter written by President Abraham Lincoln to his son's teacher. Lincoln wanted his son to grow up a gentleman, so he wrote the letter to the teacher in order to indirectly teach him the worthiness of life. In this letter Lincoln wrote to his son's teacher to teach him values. He wants his teacher to teach him that for every bad person there is a good person available in the world. He wrote that his should be taught the value of labour and hard work and he wants his son to learn that

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a dollar earned by hard labour is of higher value than five dollars found without hard work. He wants his son should learn the value of hard work.

He wants his son to lose so that he should learn the value of winning.

He wants his son should learn to lose first then only he would be able to enjoy the winning. Lincoln wants his son to be away from jealousy and also learn the secret of quiet laughter.

He wants his son to be taught that bullies are the easiest to please by saying yes to all their demands. He wants his son to be taught the wonder of books so that he could know the value of knowledge. He also wants his son to learn the value of quiet time in which he could ponder over the mysteries of nature and also learn that it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat.

He wants his son to be taught to have faith in his own ideas and to be gentle with the people who are gentle and tough with those people who are tough. He wants the teacher to give his son the

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strength not to follow the crowd and filter all that he hears with the filter of truth.

— Students, now let us take a short break in order to check your understanding of the chapter. You will be asked a few questions and after listening to the questions you may pause for three minutes to write your answers.

Q1. Who had written this letter and to whom?

Q2. Why did he write the letter?

Q3. What qualities did he want his son's teacher to teach him?

Q4. Why did he want his son to learn to lose?

Q5. What did he want his son to filter and how?

— Students break is over we will continue with the lesson.

Lincoln wants his son to learn to laugh when he is sad yet that there is no shame in tears. He wants his son to be taught how to be wary of too much sweetness and keep cunning and negative people away. He then

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asks the teacher to teach his son to sell his skills and talents to the highest bidder but also ensure that he never trades his soul for a price tag. He wants him to learn to fight for what he thinks is right and be brave and have faith in himself. Then he ends the letter with a gentle order that the above things be taught to his son who is, after all such a fine boy.

Alright students you have been given the summary of the lesson 'Grooming of a Boy'. Now you all are required to revise the content carefully and attempt Ex 3 Q/A and new words in your English Literature notebook as a part of your home assignment. Thank you.

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