



Cosmo School

Lecture Sheet, 3rd Term, 2020

Class: 4, Subject: English Literature

Book: Cosmo English Literature Book


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2. Topic: My Early Home

Lecture-1

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Know about the Writer Anne Sewell :

	Birth	Date: March 30, 1820
		Place: United Kingdom
	Occupation	Novelist (story writer)
	Nationality	English
	Known for	Writing Black Beauty, which is now considered one of the top ten best sold novels for children ever written.
	Death	Date: April 25, 1878
	Place: United Kingdom	

Theme of the story:

The story 'My Early Home' is about the importance of good manner and behaving well. We should always behave well and be nice with everybody.

The speaker of the story is a horse called Darkie. He shared his experience of learning good manner with us. Here the speaker is talking about his childhood memory.

Characters:

1. Darkie – the speaker horse
2. Duchess – mother of Darkie
3. Master – master of all horses
4. Dick – plough- boy
5. Colts – other horses of the shed



Key words:

1. place
2. Water lilies
3. master's house
4. young
5. milk
6. mother
7. grass
8. work

Summary:

Place:

The story begins with the childhood memory of the speaker horse Darkie. The first **place** where he and his mother Duchess lived was a shed with other horses. Near their shed, there was a large meadow with a pond. **Water lilies** grew in that pond. There were fir trees, a ploughed (cultivated) field, a flowing brook (a small river) and their master's house also stood by the roadside.

Little Darkie:

When Darkie was **young** (baby), he drank his mother's **milk** because he could not eat grass. He walked, ran and slept with his **mother** Duchess. When it was hot, they used to stand by the pond in the shade of the trees and when it was cold, they had a nice warm shed near the plantation (trees). When Darkie grew up little more, he started to eat **grass**. So, his mother used to go outside for **work** leaving him with

the other horses (work means she helped her master by carrying him on her back) and come back in the evening.

Exercise:

Word meaning:

1. Hedge
2. Brook
3. Colts
4. Gallop
5. Whinnied
6. Trot
7. Gig
8. Box
9. Fir
10. Temper

Make sentence: Make sentence by the given sentence

- Hedge
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Lecture-2

Date: 22.09.2020



Key words:

1. Bad mannered horses
2. Duchess's advice
3. Darkie's family
4. Master

Summary:

Bad mannered horses:

Darkie used to play with other six big horses. They played together and had fun. Sometimes they played rough (over excited) by biting and kicking one another. And biting and kicking were the parts of their behavior. While playing with them, Darkie also did the same.

Duchess's advice for good manner:

Duchess knew everything. One day, she called Darkie to give him a piece of . She said that other colts (means horses) are good colts. But those six colts were **cart colts** (means they pull cart). And cart colts always kick, bite and fight with others. These are **bad manners** what they do. But **Darkie** was not a cart colt. He was **born**

in a good horse family and also grew up with lot of care. His mother Duchess did never kick or bite also. Darkie's family was good mannered. Duchess hoped Darkie will grow up gentle and good. So, she gave advice that Darkie should learn good manner from his family and should behave well with everybody. Darkie never forgot his mother's advice.

History of Darkie's Family:

Duchess also taught Darkie the history of his family. She said that his father had a great name (popular for good manner). His grandfather won the cup at the race. His grandmother had the sweetest temper among the other horses.



Duchess:

Darkie said more about his mother Duchess. Her master called her Pet. She was wise and master liked her.

Master:

Their master was a good and kind man. He gave the horses good food, good lodging (place to live) and he spoke to them kindly. Duchess liked him very much. Sometimes he asked Duchess about how Darkie is. Darkie was dull black (like darkness), so master called him Darkie. Among all the horses, Duchess and Darkie were master's favourite and took special care of them. He often bought carrot for Duchess. She would eat her carrots with relish (taste).

Dick:

At last Darkie talked about plough- boy **Dick**. He had some bad manners. Sometimes Dick came into the field to pluck and eat **blackberries** from the hedge. He used to **disturb** and hurt the horses by throwing **stones** and stick at them. One day, master was watching what was going on. He was disturbing the horses. He jumped over the hedge and **caught** him. All the horses trotted nearer to see what went on. Master **punished** him for his bad **behavior**.

Exercise:

A. Fill in the blanks using suitable form of the given clues.

1. He had _____ (eat) all he _____ (want).
2. Sometimes a stone would _____ (hit) and _____ (hurt) the colts.
3. Master was _____ (watch) what was _____ (go) on.
4. The master _____ (jumped) over the hedge and _____ (catch) Dick by his arm.
5. They _____ (trot) up nearer to see what _____ (go) on.
6. Dick _____ (pluck) blueberries from the hedges.
7. Master _____ (give) them good food.

B. Broad question:

1. What does the colt remember about the first place?
2. What did Duchess teach her son Darkie about the history of their family manner?
3. What did the plough boy sometimes do?
4. Write what do you know about the master?

✚ Keywords of the story are in paste colour.

✚ Dear students, please read the story again and again for a better understand.

Good luck and thank you. 😊