

NCERT SOLUTIONS

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Chapter : 2

Chapter Name : The Address

Q1 'Have you come back?' said the woman. 'I thought that no one had come back.' Does this statement give some clue about the story? If yes, what is it?

Answer. This statement was uttered by Mrs. Dorling when the narrator visited her in Holland. The statement shows that the lady knew the narrator since old times.

The girl had visited Mrs. Dorling to take back her mother's possessions which they abandoned years before, while a war was going on. Now , since the war was over and everything seemed normal , she decided to visit Mrs. Dorling's home to get back the things she had various childhood memories linked with.

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Q2 The story is divided into pre-War and post-War times. What hardships do you think the girl underwent during these times?

Answer. The story encompasses the division of period into Pre-War and Post-War with instances of difference in the lifestyle of a jew family.

There were many hardships faced by the girl throughout her life. Firstly under the rage of the war , she had to abandon her home, her precious possessions and take refuge to a new place which was unlikely to serve her happiness like her own home did. She had to sacrifice the beauty of her childhood by witnessing the cruel reality and bloodshed of the war. Secondly, after the war, when she even lost her mother and wanted back her abandoned possessions from Mrs. Dorling, her visit to her home completely shattered her by watching those precious belongings arranged in a tasteless manner. It completely shunned her wish to have those things back as she realised she wasn't able to connect to them anymore and it only instilled pain in her heart by remembering those wartime moments.

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Q3 Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address?

Answer. The narrator didn't have a good time at Mrs. Dorling's home. She visited the place in order to get those belongings back which her mother gave to Mrs Dorling to keep them safe when they were leaving the place during the war. After finding them arranged in a shabby manner it left her astonished. She realised it wasn't a connection to her beautiful childhood but an instilling pain of remembrance of her sufferings during the war. The place made her to remember how her beautiful childhood of the cheerful past changed into the solitary present. Hence she wanted to forget the address for ever.

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Q4 "The Address" is a story of human predicament that follows war. Comment.

Answer. 'The Address' is a story that very well depicts the sufferings, a war could bring to the human lives. It brings no joy and no unity but bloodshed and gloom with it.

With the instance of the narrator in the story, it has been very well encapsulated that a war can never be a solution to anything but its inception can destroy million lives and snatch away the happiness of many for a lifetime.

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