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# Class 11 English (Snapshot) Notes

THE SUMMER OF THE  
BEAUTIFUL WHITE HORSE

Key Notes and Important Questions with Answers

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## SNAPSHOT —(Supplementary Reader)

### 1. The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse

—*William Saroyan*

The story illustrates how the family plays an important role in the upbringing of the children. The children always remember the lessons taught in the family. They look for role models in the elders of the family. The family in the story belongs to a tribe known for its values of trust and honesty. Aram and Mourad take possession of Mr. Byro's horse to fulfill their yearning/desire of riding a horse but later return it to owner to preserve the honour of their families.

#### **A Short Answer Type Questions (30 to 40 words)**

##### **Q.1. Why was Aram surprised when he saw Maraud in the Morning?**

**Ans.** Aram was surprised to see Maraud because he had come so early in the morning that too with a beautiful white horse. He could not believe that a boy of his tribe could buy or steal a horse.

##### **Q.2. Who was uncle Khosrove? Why was he considered the craziest member of his tribe?**

**Ans.** Uncle Khosrone was a relative of Aram who was an enormous man. He was short tempered and impatient by nature. His standard response to all the problems was". It is no harm : pay no attention to it.

**Q.3. Why was John Byro Sad?**

**Ans.** John Byro was sad because his horse was stolen and now he had to go on foot for long distance as his squire was useless without a horse.

**Q.4. Why did Mourad return the horse?**

**Ans.** Mourad belonged to a tribe which was known for its honesty. He could not tolerate John Byro's expressions when he seemed to have recognised the horse. It was no more charming and challenging task for him to keep the horse after this incident.

**Q.5. Why did John Byro not accuse Mourad of stealing the horse, though he recognised his horse?**

**Ans.** Though John Byro could recognise the horse, he did not blame Mourad of stealing because he knew his parent well. He knew that Mourad's family and tribe was famous for honesty.

1. Why do you think Mourad came so early in the morning?
2. What information do you gather about the Garoghlanian tribe?
3. Aram could not believe his eyes when he looked out of the window. Comment
4. How did Aram and Mourad feel during the ride on the beautiful white horse?
5. Briefly sum up Mourad's character in your own words.
6. How did the boys justify their act of stealing?
7. Which place was used by the boys for hiding the horse? Why?
8. Who was John Byro? What was his reaction on seeing the two boys with the white horse?
9. Why did the narrator and his cousin return the horse?
10. How did Aram conclude that Mourad had stolen the horse?
11. Do you agree with the statement 'Mourad has a special fondness for animals'? Give reasons.
12. Comment on the observation 'Uncle Khosrove was a crazy person.'
13. What consideration(s) did the boys have in making a choice of the place to hide the stolen horse?
14. What happened during the narrator's solo ride?
15. Were the boys able to prove the hallmarks of their tribe? Why/Why not?

**B. Long Answer Type Questions (120 words)**

1. Fear or / and Conscience - what worked behind the boys' decision of returning the stolen horse?
  2. Mourad was considered the natural descendant of Uncle Khosrove. What traits had he inherited from his uncle?
  3. Describe in detail the first ride Aram and Mourad enjoyed together on the summer morning.
  4. Trust and honesty were the hallmarks of the tribe the two boys belonged to. Illustrate with examples from the text.
  5. Do you think the boys were right in returning the horse? Give reasons.
  6. Why do people have to tell lies sometimes? Do you think telling lies sometimes can be justified? Why? Why not?
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