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CLASS X ENGLISH
POEM 2 FIRST FLIGHT

FIRE AND ICE (POEM)

The chapter is thoroughly explained in the link given below.

For your better understanding of the chapter, You must go through this link and make use of the details given in the chapter while answering the questions.

<https://youtu.be/nYecBS71Ewo>

The NCERT solutions are given below. You can download the solutions or if you do not have facility to get printout then you can ask your ward to copy the answers in a simple notebook and must learn the question answers.

CBSE Class 10 English Language and Literature

NCERT Solutions

First Flight Poem 2

Fire and Ice

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1. There are many ideas about how the world will 'end'. Do you think the world will end some day? Have you ever thought what would happen if the sun got so hot that it 'burst', or grew colder and colder?

Ans: Yes, I believe that this world will end some day but when nobody knows. Whether the sun gets hot or it gets colder, in both the situations, end of this world is sure.

2. For Frost, what do 'fire' and 'ice' stand for? Here are some ideas:

Greed	Avarice	Cruelty	Lust
Conflict	Fury	Intolerance	Rigidity
Insensitivity	Coldness	Indifference	Hatred

Ans: 'Fire' stands for greed, avarice, lust, conflict and fury. 'Ice' stands for cruelty, intolerance, rigidity, insensitivity, coldness, indifference and hatred.

3. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem? How does it help in bringing out the contrasting ideas in the poem?

Ans: The rhyme scheme of the poem is: a, b, a, a ; b. c, b, c, b.

The contrasting ideas of 'fire' and 'ice' are presented using this rhyme scheme. He mentions that both fire and ice are probable ends of this world. While he talks about how fire represents desire and can therefore be a cause of the end of the world, he also mentions ice in between to symbolize that the cold and indifferent attitude towards one another will also be enough to end the world. In the second stanza, he says that he knows of enough hate in the world that even destruction through ice would be sufficient to bring about the end of the world.

WORKSHEET 3

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS BY CHOOSING THE CORRECT OPTION:

1. What will the world end in?
 - a. Fire
 - b. Ice
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. None of these
2. What does violent desire refer to?
 - a. Fire
 - b. Ice
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. None of these
3. What does ice symbolize?
 - a. Love
 - b. Hatred
 - c. Violent desire
 - d. None of these
4. Can hatred destroy the world?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
5. Who is the poet of the poem 'fire and ice'?
 - a. Robert frost
 - b. Ben johnson
 - c. William blake
 - d. Alexander pope
6. What message do you think the poet is trying to convey?
7. Why does some people think the world will end in ice?