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ENGLISH

STD - XJ
Class - 3

Assignment

1) Prepare a review of the story 'His first flight'.

Ans) Liam O'Flaherty has enriched the world literature by penning a wonderful short story entitled "His first flight". He narrates vividly how an underconfident seagull learns to fly. Every after his siblings had learnt to fly, the timid bird sticks on to his nest. He feels that his wings would not support him if he were to fly over the wide expanse of the sea. His parents come around calling him shilly, scolding him, threatening to let him starve on his ledge, unless he flies away. But the young bird fails to muster up courage to take that plunge. After going without food for twenty-four hours, he tries to reach his parents without having to fly. He moves to the brink of the ledge and looks helplessly towards his mother. She then approaches him with a piece of fish. However, she halts right before him tempting him with the fish. Maddened by hunger, the young bird dives at the fish. With a loud scream he falls downwards. After a moment, he feels his wings spread outwards. He flaps his wings and soars upwards. His parents and siblings fly around him as if encouraging him. When his parents and siblings land on the sea, he too decides to follow suit. But he is unable to walk on the sea as he had expected. His legs sink into the water till his belly touches the sea. He is surprised to see himself floating on the surface of the sea.

Through his wonderful story, the author provides a psychological insight into life's problems and the ways of overcoming them. 'His First Flight' relates the importance of independence and self-confidence, as well as the need to remain involved in family life. The writer also conveys the importance of self-esteem and self-reliance.