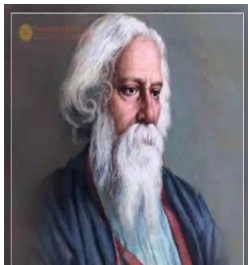




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Worksheet No: 14	Topic: THE LAST BARGAIN	Note: To be done in English notebook

❖ ABOUT THE POET:

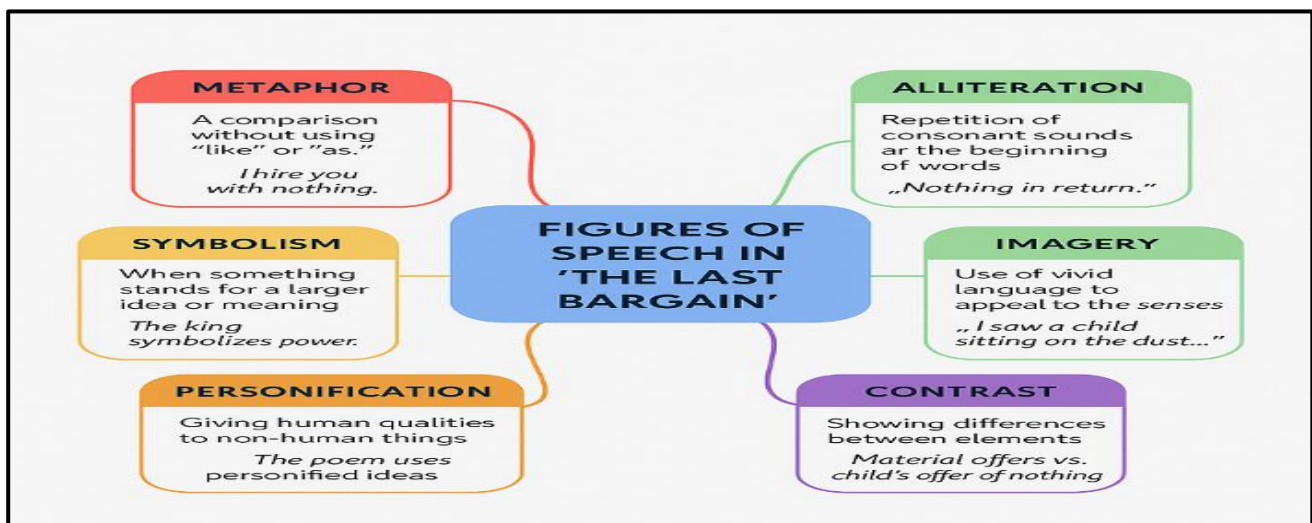


Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941) was a Bengali poet, short-story writer, song composer, playwright, essayist, and painter. He was highly influential in introducing Indian culture to the West and vice versa, and he is generally regarded as the outstanding creative artist of early 20th-century India. In 1913, he became the first Non-European to receive the Nobel Prize for literature. His compositions were chosen by two nations as national anthems- India's "Jana Gana Mana" and Bangladesh's "Amar Shonar Bangla."

CENTRAL IDEA:

"*The Last Bargain*" is a profound yet simple poem by Rabindranath Tagore. Written in blank verse (unrhymed), the poem conveys a timeless message: **true happiness cannot be bought with power, wealth, or beauty**. He has used vivid imagery and symbolic encounters to teach the value of **simplicity and innocence** in a materialistic world.

- ❖ The poem follows a **man in search of a job** that does not take away his freedom. During his journey, he meets various people offering him different forms of employment. Each offer comes with a cost that compromises his inner peace or liberty.



❖ **Answer the following questions:**

1. Who is the speaker of the poem?

Ans. The speaker of the poem is a daily wage earner who is looking for a job.



(i) Mark the appropriate item in the context of stanza 1. “The king, sword in hand” suggests

(i) wealth (ii) power (iii) more power than wealth.

Ans. (ii) power

2. The old man offered the speaker a lot of money. Why did he turn down the offer?

Ans. The old man offered the speaker a bag of gold. From his words, it is evident that the speaker desired job satisfaction and happiness at work, which he felt wasn’t possible if he offered his services to the old man who was busy counting his gold coins and weighing them one by one. Due to this reason, the speaker turned down the offer because he valued his freedom more than becoming a slave for money.

3. Find in the poem, lines that match the following. Read both one after another.

(i) I have nothing to give you except goodwill and cheer.

“I hire you with nothing.”

(ii) Her happiness was no more than sorrow in disguise.

“Her smile paled and melted into tears.”

(iii) The king’s might was not worth much.

“But his power counted for naught.”



4. How did the speaker feel after talking to the child on the beach?

Ans. When the speaker met the child who was playing with sea shells near the beach, he talked with the little one. After talking with the child, the speaker realized that he might not earn a penny, but this made him extremely happy and free and gave him great satisfaction.

