

Discuss

1. What is the name of our country?
2. Do you love our country?
3. Why do you love our country?
4. Speak out about the qualities of our country?



Let's read the poem:

She is a rich and rare land,
Oh! She's a fresh and fair land,
She is a dear and rare land,

This native land of mine.
No men than hers are braver,
Her women's hearts never waver,
I'd freely die to save her.
And think my lot divine.
She's not a dull or cold land,
No! She's a warm and bold land,
Oh! She's a true and old land,
This native land of mine.
Oh! She's a fresh and fair land,
Oh! She's a true and rare land,
Yes, She's a rare and fair land,
This native land of mine.

Anonymous

GLOSSARY:

- rich** : having a large amount of everything (सम्पन्न, समृद्धिशाली, वैभवशाली)
- rare** : uncommon (असाधारण, जिसके मुकाबले का कोई और नहीं है)
- fair** : nice, pretty (सुन्दर)
- native land** : mother land (स्वदेश, मातृभूमि)
- waver** : unstable in thoughts (डगमगाना)
- brave** : having or showing courage (बहादुर)
- dull** : uninteresting or unexciting (अरुचिकर)
- dear** : loved one (प्रिय)
- true** : real, not false (सच्चा)
- cold** : lacking in warm feeling (स्नेहहीन, भावहीन)

- lot** : fortune (भाग्य)
divine : super (सर्वश्रेष्ठ)
fresh : clean and pure (साफ व शुद्ध)
bold : fearless (निडर)
warm : feeling or showing friendship and affection
 (आत्मीयता युक्त, स्नेहशील)

Activity - I

A. Choose the correct option:

1. She's a rich and rare land.

The word 'rare' here means:

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| (a) common | (b) separate |
| (c) ordinary | (d) uncommon () |

2. She's a warm and bold land.

The word 'bold' here means:

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| (a) brave and courageous | (b) full of fear |
| (c) happy | (d) proud () |

3. She's a rich and rare land

'She' here refers to our:

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| (a) village | (b) country |
| (c) state | (d) mother () |

4. Oh! She is a fresh and fair land.

The word 'Oh!' shows:

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| (a) anger | (b) joy |
| (c) wonder | (d) pity () |

B. Answer the following questions:

1. Name the country in which we all live.

2. Who are very brave in our country?
3. What's the writer's wish to do for his/her country?
4. From the poem, write four qualities of our country, India.

C. Say whether the following statement are true or false:

1. The women of our country are strong, bold and firm minded.
2. The writer feels proud of dying for the country.
3. Our country is a common land like other countries.
4. The writer has praised our country in this poem.

Activity - II

A. Write the opposites of the bracketed words in the blanks.

1. A soldier is always ready to for the country. (live)
2. Dhanpal is..... (poor). He has 20 cows.
3. We must be always ready toour country. (attack)
4. India is our land. (foreign)
5. Parth gave the..... (false) answer.
6. The days are.....(cold) in the month of June.

B. Arrange the jumbled letters to form correct words :

fesrh	deviin	fiar	herats	weomn
.....

C. From the poem write the English words for their given Hindi meanings:

1. मरना :
2. हृदय :

3. बचाना :
4. सोचना :

D. In this poem the words 'fair' and 'rare' have been used before the land to describe it. They are called adjectives. Read the poem again and write the other words which describe our land.

Activity - III

A. Divide the class into two groups. Group A will pronounce the following words and group B will listen carefully. Then group B will speak and group A will listen carefully:

1. hearts, clerks, parts, arts, charts, maps.
2. native, active, passive, relative.
3. rare, bear, pear, air, fair, dare, where, wear.
4. women's, she's, girls, words, hers.
5. deer, here, hear, clear, fear, peer, ear, near.

B. Speak the lines aloud from the poem after your teacher.

1. Oh! She is a fresh and fair land.
2. She's a dear and rare land. (she's = she is)
3. I'd (I would) freely die to save her.

C. Listen to this poem and speak it aloud after the teacher.

Early to bed and early to rise,
That's the way to be healthy, wealthy and wise.

Work while you work and play while you play,
That's the way to be happy and gay.

Activity - IV

A. Work in pairs and complete the sentences using the hints given in the brackets.

1. India (Bharat) (country, is, my).
2. Shea (is, and, fresh, rare) country.
3. The men of India (brave, very, are).
4. The women of our country..... (firm, are, bold, and).
5. She (native land, is, our).
6. Idie (to save, would, freely)her.
7. Iof my (proud, am, native land) India.

B. Write a paragraph about your school.

You may use these words in your paragraph.

school, big, beautiful, nice, many, rooms, teachers, punctual, hard working, some plants, trees, in the garden, 300 students from class I to VIII, library, many books, play ground, *kho-kho*, kabaddi, volley ball, basket ball, good school.