

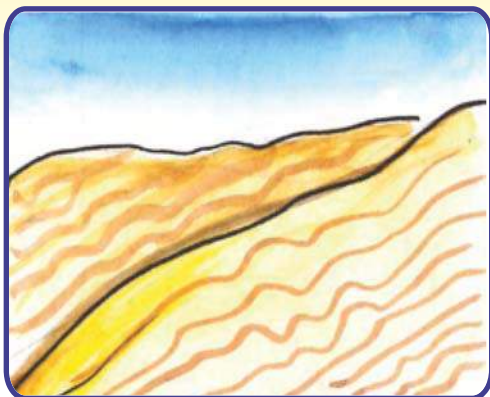
- What is the name of your state?
- What makes Rajasthan special?



About the poem:

The poet deeply loves the motherland, Rajasthan. He expresses his strong liking for the motherland by strong arguments. The golden sand enhances her beauty. Forts and palaces hold her head high. The people of Rajasthan are loyal, bold and brave. They live in joint families. Rajasthan has a rich and colourful culture with fairs, festivals and spirituality. Life here is peaceful, pleasant and pure.

Let us read the poem “The glory of Rajasthan”



A place where I was born,
A place where jewels are of silver,
Whose sand is gold,
A place full of culture,
The stories of royalty on its,
Every chapter you unfold.
A place where for a few coins,
Loyalty is not sold.

A place where elders are caring but their
attitude is bold,
A place where old people are respected,
And with intention,
They always try to scold,
But their love and affection keeps the family
in a strong hold.



A place where unsaid secrets of holy
spirits are told.
A place in whose memories,
Down my cheeks, tears rolled,
A place full of forts and palaces,
A place known for its festivals, culture and
spirituality,

A place on whose land were great warriors born.
And in the battlefields, fought vigorously with their swords.
Just to keep their words.

A place where life is peaceful, pleasant and pure,
A place whose story, I will tell for sure,
That place is Rajasthan, yes, that is Rajasthan.



GLOSSARY:

jewels	:	precious stones
unfold	:	disclose, open
uployalty	:	faithfulness
spirits	:	feelings, state of mind
warriors	:	soldiers, brave fighters
vigorously	:	powerfully, with great efforts

Activity - I**A. Answer the following questions:**

- I. Where was the poet born?
- II. In the poem 'A place' is mentioned several times. What does it refer to?
- III. What qualities of old people are described in the poem?
- IV. Why did great warriors fight in the battlefields according to the poet?
- V. Do you think that the poet is away from his motherland? Select such lines from the poem.

B. Write if the sentences are true or false.

- I. The poet was born in Punjab.
- II. Rajasthan is a place full of forts and palaces.....
- III. Jewels are made of gold.....
- IV. The role of elders is to keep the family disciplined.....
- V. People of Rajasthan are known for their bravery and self respect.....

C. Answer the following question.

- I. Make a list of all the qualities that Rajasthan is known for.

Activity - II**A. Fill in the blanks with missing letters.**

- I. j_w_ls II. sp_r_ts III. v_g_ro_sly IV. int_nti_n
V. aff_ct_on VI. c_ltur_

B. Match the words in column 'A' with their opposites in column 'B'

A

1. bold
2. love
3. loyalty
4. strong
5. down
6. pleasant
7. pure

B

- disloyalty
coward
impure
unpleasant
hate
up
weak

Activity - III

Kanhaiya Lal Sethia was a well known Rajasthani and Hindi poet. His poetry shows his patriotic fervour for Rajasthan. Two of his Rajasthani poems are world famous and have attained cult status “*Dharti Dhoran Ri*” is recognized as the anthem of Rajasthan. Read some of the famous lines and enjoy its beauty.

“Dharti dhoran ri, O dharti dhoran ri

*Aa to surga ne sarmave,
in par dev raman ne aave
In ro jas nar naari gaave,
Dharti dhoran ri,
O dharti dhoran ri”*

Activity - IV

Make a list of famous emperors and their Forts/Palaces. Also mention their special qualities.