

SHORT NOTE

GRADE: 10

SUBJECT: ENGLISH

TITLE: MADAM RIDES THE BUS

Introduction:

- "Madam Rides the Bus" is a short story written by Vallikkannan.
- The story revolves around an eight-year-old girl named Valli who takes her first adventurous bus ride into the new world outside her village.
- This story highlights the fact by the example of Valli that one can accomplish his/her long cherished dream by making sacrifices and dedication towards it.
- The story is a sensitive one that brings to light the innocence and curiosity of a young girl who is trying to understand the mystery of life and death.

Overview:

- "Madam Rides the Bus" is a short story about an eight-year-old girl named Valli who takes her first adventurous bus ride into the new world outside her village.
- The story is a sensitive one that brings to light the innocence and curiosity of a young girl who is trying to understand the mystery of life and death during her bus ride.
- The story highlights Valli's desire to take a ride in the bus and her experiences on the bus ride.

Key Points:

- Valli's strongest desire was to take a ride in the bus at least once.
- The bus was a source of unending joy for Valli as it brought a new set of passengers every time it came from the town.
- Valli tried to listen to her neighbors to get the desired information about the bus journey.
- She got information about the distance of the town from her village and the total journey time it usually took.

- She saved money by sacrificing her short term temptations such as toys, toffees and rides on merry-go-round in the village fair.
- Finally, one day she got the chance to be on bus with her saved money.
- As the bus was new, she felt comfortable and was enjoying the outside views peeping outside while standing on the seat.
- The presence and comments of the people sitting in the bus were making Valli feel irritated.
- She enjoyed initially but the sight of the death of cow on her return to village made her feel dismay.
- The story finely caught the introduction of Valli into the mystery of life and death.
- Valli went back to her home, and her mother was completely unaware of her bus ride and was busy talking to other lady.

Conclusion:

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