



# Quality - Worksheet

1. Go through the PPT, read the story carefully and answer the following questions in not more than one short paragraph. Each question is of [2] marks.

a. Describe the shop window of the Gessler brothers.

- The shop was let into one, in a small by-street, fashionably placed in the West End.
- There was no sign that they made shoes for any of the Royal Family only the German name of Gessler Brothers.
- In the shop window, a few pairs of boots were kept.
- There were beautiful. It was a pair of pumps and a tall brown riding boots. [Elaborate while writing the answer]

b. Describe the younger Gessler brother.

- He was little as if made from leather / He seemed as if made from leather, with his yellow crinkly face
- He had crinkly reddish hair and beard.
- He had neat folds slanting down his cheeks to the corners of his mouth.
- His voice was guttural voice and one-toned like leather stiff and slow of purpose.

- His eyes were grey-blue.
  - His looks held a simple gravity as if secretly possessed by the Ideal.
- c. What is the opinion of the younger Gessler brother on big firms?
- Mr. Gessler was against big firms.
  - He thought -
    - They had no self respect
    - They got the market by advertisement, not by work.
    - They did not produce quality work.
    - They take away the work from people who love their boots.
    - Presently they have no work.

d. What tells us that the narrator was empathetic to the Gessler brothers?

pg-26 Isn't it awfully hard to do/ It is an art

pg-29 Once he entered the shop wearing a pair of boots bought at some large firm. The Gessler Brother was upset and spoke bitterly about the conditions and hardships of his trade. The narrator noticed the affects of Industrialization that had hit him. Out of empathy the narrator purchased many pairs of boots.

pg-29 He went to the shop and the Gessler brother told him that the people do not want good boots it seems. He had to sell a part of his shop because it was expensive. Out of empathy he purchased three pairs though he only wanted two.

pg-30 When he heard the news of his elder brother's death, he was shocked and murmured how sorry he was. He ordered several pairs.

pg-31 After his return, he goes to meet Mr. Gessler again. Mr. Gessler has become very weak tremulous and worn. This makes the narrator sick at heart and he orders four pairs of boots. As soon as the pairs arrived he rushed to drop in the check himself.

pg-33 When he learns that Gessler brother had passed away, he had tears in his eyes.

2. Answer the following questions in two short paragraphs each.

- a. How does one enter the shop of the Gessler brothers and what does one observe?

pg-26 One went in...

- b. What 'ceremony' is the narrator talking about?

pg-27 [Leave 7 lines] He would observe ceremony

- c. Give one example to illustrate that the Gessler brothers were honest shoemakers who valued their craft more than money.

pg-28 I will take them off you bill

pg-32 ...

pg-33 ...