**Symbiosis School, Nasik.**

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**Subject: English Language & Literature - Worksheet – 46**

**Lesson : Chapter 5 - Footprints without Feet By H.G. Wells**

**Instructions**

Read the chapter and write the meanings, concept based question answers and textual question answers in your English notebook.

**Introduction to the lesson**

Can a man become invisible? This is a story of a scientist who discovers how to make himself invisible. Does he use, or misuse, his discovery?

The story is about a scientist named Griffin. He discovers the rare chemicals which can make a man invisible but at the same time, the man can be touched and felt physically. Let's read and find out how he uses or misuses his powers for his own.

**About the Author**

**Herbert George Wells** (21 September 1866 – 13 August 1946) was an English writer. He was prolific in many genres, writing dozens of novels, short stories, and works of social commentary, satire, biography, and autobiography, and even two books on recreational war games. He is now best remembered for his science fiction novels and is often called the "father of science fiction", along with Jules Verne and Hugo Gernsback.

**Summary of Footprints without Feet**

This article focuses on Footprints without feet summary. The author of the story is Herbert George Wells. This is an interesting story about a scientist named Griffin and his rare formula of invisibility. He developed a drug which made his body invisible, but he can be only felt physically. Then, he misuses his power to steal money, clothes, and food. He found it difficult to stay in London with such power so decides to move to a small village Iping. In the village, people were sceptical about him and look at him strangely. A series of incidences happened in the inn where he stayed. As his money exhausted he again started stealing it from people and hit the owners of the inn when they suspected him. But lastly, he has to reveal his identity to the people, but nobody catches him as he becomes invisible.

This is quite an interesting story about a scientist named Griffin. He had been finding ways that could make a man invisible. He got success in his experiment a developed a formula with which he can become invisible, but can be touched and felt physically. Griffin gulped the drug and became invisible. He accidentally stepped in mud and was first seen by two young men who followed his footprints till it becomes faint. He was walking on roads and was feeling cold, so he enters a shopping centre to feel warm. After the stores shut down, he chooses to wear some comfortable garments and eat something.

He initially unpacks a couple of garments and wears them. At that point from the kitchen of a café, he eats cold meat and some espresso. Later he decided to sleep on a heap of quilts in a store. The next morning before he wakes up some store associates had seen started following him. He removed all the clothes instantly and became invisible once again. Now he is wandering without clothes in chilly winters of London. He then decides to take clothes from a theatre company as he was sure he will get something there to cover his face too. He has stolen dull glasses, bogus nose, and a hat and some bandages for covering his face. Then, he goes to a shopkeeper’s place and stole all his money. Soon he realizes London is quite a busy place to live like this, so he thought of moving to the Iping village.

#### **Conclusion of Footprints without Feet**

The story tells us the human nature of misusing their own discoveries.

**Concept Based Questions**

**Question 1.**

Why were the two boys in London surprised and fascinated?

**Question 2.**

Why did Griffin decide to slip into a big London store?

**Question 3.**

How was Griffin a lawless man?

**Question 4.**

What did Griffin do in the shop of a theatrical company?

**Question 5.**

How did Griffin find himself invisible but naked in the chill January air for the second time?

**Question 6.**

What did the Halls see in the scientist’s room?

**Question 7.**

How did the visible man become invisible? What did he do then?

**Question 8.**

What happened to Jaffers when he tried to catch the invisible scientist?

**Question 9.**

What was the explanation of ‘mystery’?