



Talking about the Text

1. What does a novel do?

Answer: A novel reflects human condition in terms of a narrative involving character or characters.

It basically tells a story that entertains us and even gives us messages. A novel may be realistic based on real life incidents or fictitious.

2. 'Our daily life reflects a double allegiance to 'the life in time' and 'the life by values'.

Answer: We all owe a double allegiance to the life in time and the life by values. Life in time refers to the exact sequence in which events occur in our lives. We often think of life, our experiences in a proper sequence. But in our thinking we may chose to think about events in a sequence of our choice. We may select experiences or events or impressions from any point of time according to their value or importance. This ability on our part shows that we can lead life by values also.

3. The description of novels as organisms.

Answer: Novels are like organisms. They have structure just as organisms have structure. A novel has a solid base in the story line. The story is the backbone of the novel. Just as an organism has birth, growth and decay, so does a novel. A novel is like a system.

Apperciation

1. How does Forster use the analogy of Scheherazade to establish his point?

Answer: Forster uses the analogy of Scheherazade to establish his point that story telling with an element of surprise is the most important aspect in a novel. He refers to the story of Scheherazade to bring home the point that her survival depended on her ability to tell stories one after another to her husband king. Similarly, the art of novel is dependent on the story line and the surprise and suspense that a story creates. Without this element a novel cannot come into existence nor it can survive.

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