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5. On the basis of your understanding of the poem, answer the following questions by ticking the correct choice.

(a) Lord Ullin's daughter and her lover are trying to _____.

- (i) escape the wrath of her father
- (ii) settle in a distant land
- (iii) challenge the storm in the lake
- (iv) trying to prove their love for each other

Answer:

- (i) escape the wrath of her father

(b) The boatman agrees to ferry them across because _____.

- (i) he has fallen in love with Lord Ullin's daughter
- (ii) he wants to avenge Lord Ullin
- (iii) he has lost his love
- (iv) he is sorry for the childlike innocence of the lady

Answer:

- (iv) he is sorry for the childlike innocence of the lady

(c) The mood changes in the poem. It transforms from _____.

- (i) happiness to fear
- (ii) anxiety to grief
- (iii) fear to happiness
- (iv) love to pain

Answer:

- (ii) anxiety to grief

(d) The shore of Lochgyle has been referred to as 'fatal shore!' The poetic device used here is _____.

- (i) metaphor
- (ii) simile
- (iii) transferred epithet
- (iv) onomatopoeia

Answer:

- (iii) transferred epithet

6. In pairs copy and complete the summary of the poem with suitable words/expressions.

A Scottish Chieftain and his beloved were (a) _____ from her wrathful father. As they reached the shores, the (b) _____ told a boatman to (c) _____ them across Lochgyle. He asked him to do it fast because if (d) _____ found them, they would kill him. The boatman (e) _____ to take them not for the (f) _____ that the chieftain offered but for his (g) _____. By this time, the storm had (h) _____ and a wild wind had started blowing. The sound of (i) _____ could be heard close at hand. The lady urged the boatman (j) _____ as she did not want to face an angry father. Their boat left the (k) _____ and as it got caught in the stormy sea, Lord Ullin reached the deadly

(l) _____. His anger changed to wailing when he saw his daughter (m) _____. He asked her to return back. But it was (n) _____ as the stormy sea claimed his daughter and her lover.

Answer:

A Scottish Chieftain and his beloved were (a) fleeing from her wrathful father. As they reached the shores, the (b) chieftain told a boatman to (c) ferry them across Lochgyle. He asked him to do it fast because if (d) Lord Ullin's men found them, they would kill him. The boatman (e) agreed to take them not for the (f) silver that the chieftain offered but for his (g) beautiful bride. By this time, the storm had (h) become more violent and a wild wind had started blowing. The sound of (i) Lord Ullin's men could be heard close at hand. The lady urged the boatman (j) to hurry as she did not want to face an angry father.

Their boat left the (k) stormy shore and as it got caught in the stormy sea, Lord Ullin reached the deadly (l) shore. His anger changed to wailing when he saw his daughter (m) in danger. He asked her to return back. But it was (n) futile as the stormy sea claimed his daughter and her lover.

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7. Why does Lord Ullin's daughter defy her father and elope with her lover? (Stanza 1)

Answer:

Lord Ullin was against his daughter's marriage with her lover, the chieftain. So, to marry her lover she defied her father and eloped with him.

8. Give two characteristics of the boatman who ferries the couple across the sea.

Answer:

The boatman was brave and helpful.

9. "Imagery" refers to something that can be perceived through more than one of the senses. It uses figurative language to help form mental pictures. Campbell used vivid, diverse and powerful imagery to personify the menacing face of nature (for e.g. sea, sky, wind, land). Pick out expressions that convey the images of anger in the following stanzas:

Stanza 6 _____
Stanza 7 'Water-wraith was shrieking'

Stanza 9 _____
Stanza 10 _____
'Stormy land'
Stanza 13 _____
Stanza 14 _____

Answer:

Stanza 6 'the waves are raging white'
Stanza 7 'Water-wraith was shrieking'
'the scowl of heaven'
Stanza 9 'raging of the skies'
Stanza 10 'Stormy sea'
'Stormy land'
Stanza 13 'Stormy water'
Stanza 14 'the loud waves lashed the shore'

10. Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow

"His horsemen hard behind us ride;
Should they our steps discover,
Then who will cheer my bonny bride

When they have slain her lover?”

(a) Who is ‘his’ in line 1? Who does ‘us’ refer to?

(b) Explain – ‘cheer my bonny bride’.

(c) Why would the lover be slain?

Answer:

(a) Lord Ullin is ‘his’ here. ‘Us’ are the Scottish Chieftain and Lord Ullin’s daughter, his beloved.

(b) The Chieftain’s worry is that in case he is killed by Lord Ullin, his lonely beloved will have nobody to console and support her.

(c) The lover would be slain because Lord Ullin did not approve of the match and was angry at the chieftain for eloping with his daughter.

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