

Chapter 7 The Invention of Vita – Wonk

WORKING WITH THE TEXT

Answer the following questions.

1. **i) What trees does Mr. Wonka mention? Which tree does he say lives the longest?**
 - A. Mr. Wonka mentions several trees. The important among them are Douglas fir, Oak, Bristlecone pine. Of them the Bristlecone pine lives the longest.
- ii) How long does this tree live? Where can we find it?**
 - A. Bristlecone pine trees can be found on the slopes of Wheeler Peak in U.S.A. It lives for 4000 years.
2. **How many of the oldest living things can you remember from Mr. Wonka's list? Do you think all these things exist, or are some of them purely imaginary?**
 - A. Mr. Wonka mentions a long list of the oldest things. He says about a pint of sap from a 400 year old Bristlecone pine, the toe nail clippings of a 168 year old Russian farmer, an egg laid by a 200 year old tortoise, and whiskers of a 36 year old cat. Some of these things do not exist. They are purely imaginary.
3. **Why does Mr. Wonka collect items from the oldest things? Do you think this is the right way to begin his invention?**
 - A. Mr. Wonka collects items from the oldest things because he wants to prepare a drug from these items. He thinks that one who consumes this drug will grow old. I don't think this is the right way to begin his invention.
4. **What happens to the volunteer who swallows four drops of the new invention? What is the name of the invention?**
 - A. The volunteer who swallows four drops of the new invention suddenly becomes very old. His hair would drop off and his teeth start falling. He suddenly becomes an old fellow of 75. The name of the invention is Vita-Wonk.