

CHAPTER 10 THE GREAT STONE FACE -2

WORKING WITH THE TEXT

1. How was Ernest different from others in the valley?

- A. Ernest was different from other people in the valley. He was good, simple hearted and wise. He was famous for his wisdom and people from far off places came to speak to him.

2. Why did Ernest think that the poet was like the Stone Face?

- A. The poet wrote wonderful songs. He looked wise, gentle and kind. So, Ernest thought that the poet was like the Stone Face.

3. What did the poet himself say about his thoughts and poems?

- A. The poet said that he was not worthy to be compared with the stone face. His actions did not match with his words. He himself lacked faith in his thoughts.

4. What made the poet proclaim Ernest was the stone face?

- A. Listening to the speech of Ernest, the poet understood that Ernest's life and character were a nobler kind of poetry. His words had power and his thoughts had depth. Ernest's face had a grand expression. Ernest's white hair looked like the great stone face surrounded by white clouds. So the poet was convinced and proclaimed that Ernest was the stone face.

5. Write 'Ernest' or 'poet' against each statement below.

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| A. | i) poet | ii) Ernest | iii) poet | iv) poet | v) |
| | Ernest | | | | |
| | vi) poet | vii) Ernest | viii) poet | ix) Ernest | x) |
| | Ernest | | | | |

6. i) Who by common consent, turned out to be like the great stone face?

ii) Did Ernest believe that the old prophecy had come true? What did he say about it?

- A. i) Ernest by common consent, turned out to be like the great stone face.

ii) No, Ernest did not believe that the old prophecy had come true. He said that some wiser and better man than himself would appear, bearing the likeness of the Great Stone Face.