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Poem : Portrait of a Prince

-Denis Martindale

Summary of the poem Portrait of the Prince:

We are accustomed to getting frightened by tigers because of their appearances. It is our automatic reaction when we talk about tigers, but the poem entitled Portrait of the Prince by Denis Martindale has a deeper description of tigers. It describes not just the physical appearance of tiger but also it's deep characteristic mentally and emotionally. It highlighted the other side of a tiger not just its scary phase but also its heroic side.

The first part of the poem focuses on the detailed physical appearance of a tiger not just mere definition but each trait that a tiger has different important functions as well as symbolisms like this line from the poem "Behold the tiger's face up close, with all its deep-etched lines. Like charcoal ridges by his nose, How clearly each defines. Behold the tiger's ears erect, Aware of all that breathes". It is clear that it is really more on the physical.

The second part said a lot about the mental power of a tiger like this line "With mental filters that select the rustling of the leaves". It imparts how intelligent a tiger can be. That it can identify distant facts.

The third part concludes how a tiger can be so powerful, it can sense if there is an existing danger. It was emphasized with this line on the poem "Behold the tiger's neck so still

And poised with regal grace, portraying here the prince's will, despite the human race. Behold the tiger's Sovereign style. "It tells that a tiger isn't just a scary animal". It is powerful at all aspects and such an example of a hero.

Assignment

1. Read the poem The Wind in a Frolic with thorough understanding and learn the word meanings from the text. (For word meaning: pg: 46)
2. Write the questions and the answers from the text. (pg: 46-47)