

APPENDIX-H

SELECTED PARAGRAPHS FOR
INVESTIGATION FROM ENGLISH
TEXT-BOOK OF VIIIITH STANDARD

ONCE there lived four thieves who were also very good friends. They had always lived together and travelled from one place to another. One day they came to Vijayanagar and looked for a place to stay. They discovered that an old woman lived all alone in a small house not very far from the city. The place was quiet and there were not many houses around.

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The King was very pleased with this young man and his judgement. He declared, "Raman, Raman the Just, will be the judge from today."

Everyone cheered the King and the young judge, Tenali Raman.

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Dipu : I had gone to see a movie. I wanted to catch up with my friends. But before I could call to them, I heard them cry out and then I saw them running away. I called out to them but they didn't hear me. I was also startled at their sudden behaviour.)

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Rahul : I don't think it's always imagination. My father told our guest that this ghost was angry with the young man because he had disturbed him; so the ghost killed the man. And as a warning to others it nailed the paper with the young man's name to the tree. Since then the people have been scared of the ghost and no one goes to that side of the town after sunset.

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Aesop was born with a hunchback and a lame foot. He was very short and his face was so ugly that children were frightened and grown-ups looked away from him. But the saddest thing of all was that he couldn't speak. There was something wrong with his tongue. He could make some strange sounds which only his mother was able to understand.]

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Many people felt sorry for Aesop and his friends. They built a pyramid in memory of him. But today Aesop is remembered not for the pyramid but for the wonderful stories that he told. They are told and read by thousands all over the world and they continue to give us pleasure and advice.

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So the Swallow decided to leave the Reed and join his friends in Egypt. On his way he came to the city in which stood the statue of the Happy Prince. It was night and he decided to stop and sleep where it was safe and warm. So he came and sat between the feet of the Happy Prince, and decided to sleep there. As he put his head under his wing, a drop of water fell on him. He looked up and saw that the statue was weeping. It was a tear-drop which had fallen on him.

Early next morning workmen came and collected the metal pieces of the statue. The dead Swallow was thrown on a dust heap.

The people decided to put up another statue, so they melted the Happy Prince. But the heart of the statue did not melt. So they threw it away and it fell just where the dead Swallow was lying.

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"Do you really want to know?" asked the merchant. "It is bad news." He then told her that some wicked pirates had stolen his ships and his goods. He also told her that he had lost all his wealth. "I am a poor man, now," he added.

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She was not always alone. The Beast often came and spent some time with her. He gave her many presents and played games with her. He was fond of playing chess and they spent many happy hours together. Soon Beauty was fond of the Beast because he was kind and gentle. She was not afraid of him.

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CHAO was a merchant in ancient China. He travelled all over the country and bought and sold goods. He went to one district and bought the beautiful silks and ornaments which were made there and sold them to rich ladies in other districts. He was a clever businessman and knew where to find the best goods and how to buy them cheap and how to sell them at a big profit.

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This time he was alone. There were no other guests and Third Lady had time to sit down and talk. She gave him wine but again he did not drink it. After his dinner Chao went to bed. Once more in the night he woke up and saw Third Lady taking out the little wooden man, the ox and the plough. He saw them ploughing the ground and sowing the seeds. Then Third Lady made cakes from the magic flour.

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One day as Rohanta was wandering about in the forest he heard someone calling. Though he looked everywhere he could not see anyone. He heard the voice again. It came from above him from the branches of a huge mango tree. He looked up but still could not see anyone.

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Though Rohanta saw the hunter go away, and he was no longer trapped under the net, he didn't move. He waited there. Soon the hunter returned. Rohanta allowed him to come near him. As soon as the hunter was near Rohanta, the deer sprang up in a flash and disappeared into the forest.

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A linnet in a gilded cage,
A linnet on a bough,
In frosty winter one might doubt
Which bird is luckier now.

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When I'm a little older—
I plan to buy a boat,
And up and down the river
The two of us will float.