

Question-Answer**Q.1 Describe the Hendrik's homeland , Holland .**

Ans. Holland lay below the level of the sea and the only things that protected it from being flooded were the dunes and dykes .

Q.2 What was the profession of Hendrik's ancestors ?

Ans. Hendrik's grandfather had been a dyke builder . His father looked after dyke repairs and his uncle was in charge of a polder .

Q.3 How was the evening when one day he returned to his home after his journey ?

Ans. The sky was darkened . Nothing could be seen on the road except the shady and unfamiliar road . It was a still , chill and stormy evening and the birds had gone to their nests .

Q.4 How did Hendrik block the leak in the dyke ?

Ans. He kept hold his finger on the leak the whole night . He grew colder . His hand pained him and there were cramps in his arm . His body got numb and he stamped his feet to stamp out the cold but he did not remove his finger from the dyke .

Q.5 Who came to help Hendrik and how he helped him ?

Ans. A labourer who was returning after working all night saved Hendrik . He helped the boy and carried him to his parents who were searching for him .

Q.6 Why was the country grateful to Hendrik ?

Ans. The country was grateful to Hendrik because he prevented a great accident from happening because if he had not detected the leak in time the water would have destroyed the area and crops would have been ruined .

Summary

This chapter is about a boy Hendrik who lived in Holland . This area laid below the sea level and was protected by dykes and dunes during flood . He was proud of the dykes built by his ancestors . He was very fond of making journeys into his countryside . One day when he was on his way , he heard water trickling coming from the small hole in the dyke . He knew that if it was left untended , the whole country would be flooded . So he put his finger in the dyke all night . He was very cold and frightened . In the morning a labourer noticed him and carried him to his home . The leak was repaired soon . All the people were grateful to Hendrik who saved Holland.*****