

Portrait of a Prince (Poem)

* Word - Meaning

- ① Portrait - photograph of a person
- ② Poised - graceful, calm.
- ③ regal - Magnificent or dignified
- ④ treachery - betrayal of trust.
- ⑤ guile - Crafty or artful deception.
- ⑥ Sovereign - characteristic of a royal.

* Read to understand

• Answer the following questions.

Q1 which three senses of the tiger does the poet highlight?

Ans

The poet highlights the tiger's sense of hearing, vision and smell while describing his sensitive ear, sharp eyes and powerful nose respectively.

Q2 Which line suggests that the tiger is the 'apex predator'?

Ans The following line suggest that tiger is the 'apex predator' 'Take care who's in control / Behold the tiger's sovereign style.'

Q3 what does the tiger have 'control' of?

Ans The tigers in the know of everything that happens in his environment.

Q4 what do you think the poet means by saying, 'despite the human race'?

Ans According to me, by saying 'despite the human race' the poet means that, although man is considered as the most intelligent and advanced creature in an equal game in the jungle, the tiger is always the winner. Tiger proves that he is more powerful.

B • Discuss

Q1 Do you think the title of the Poem is suitable? Why?

Ans Yes, in my opinion, the title of the Poem 'Portrait of a Prince' is a suitable one because the poem gives us a detailed description of the royal features of the tiger. This vivid description of a tiger is as good as looking at a portrait of a prince.

Q2 If someone asked you why we should save the tiger, what will your answer be?

Ans 2 We should save tiger. The Tiger is a symbol of wilderness and well-being of the ecosystem. By conserving and saving tigers the entire ecosystem is conserved as the tiger is the apex predator that keeps the food chain in balance by preventing the forests from being grazed to decimation by herbivores which would multiply unsustainably in its absence.