

## Class X

### English literature (Prose)

### Our Runaway Kite

#### • Summary of the story:

The short story 'Our Runaway Kite' by Lucy Maud Montgomery depicts the value of relationships. It is a tale about a brother and sister who live with their father, a lighthouse keeper, in a lonely island named Big Half Moon. They spend their winter in the mainland where everyone has relations. They come back to their island in spring every year. The narrator is unhappy and puzzled as the children have no relations. They make plenty of kites in spring. Through a series of interesting events they get re-united with their long lost relations with the help of a runaway kite. The kite plays an important role in fulfilling the narrator's wish and they live happily.

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#### Word Chart

Word	Synonym
Harbour	Docks; shelter for ships
Lonesome	Lonely; living in a friendless condition
Ripples	Disturbance or small waves on the surface of a water body
Tripped	Stumbled
Soared	To fly afloat like a bird
Lighthouse	A building or a tower containing a light to warn or guide ships

#### • Important Questions and Answers:

##### 1. Why did the mainland people always pity Philippa and Claude?

Ans: There was nobody to play with on the Big Half Moon Island. So, when it was time for Philippa and Claude to return to the island, people thought that they would be very lonely there, with no children near them and felt pity for them.

##### 2. What puzzled Claude and Philippa?

Ans: Claude and Philippa's father didn't seem to have any relation except them whereas everybody on the mainland had relations. This puzzled them.

3. Describe the kite.

Ans: The kite was big and made of lovely red paper. Gold tinsel stars were pasted all over it. The names Philippa Leete, Claude Leete and Big Half Moon lighthouse were written on it.

4. How did the narrator patch up the kite?

Ans: The narrator patched up the kite with a letter, a sheet on each side and dried it by fire.

5. Where was the kite found?

Ans: The runaway kite was found on the top of a tree by Dick and Mimi when they were out in the woods.

6. How were Philippa and Claude united with their aunt's family?

Ans: After receiving Aunt Esther's letter, Philippa and Claude's father went to the mainland and brought Aunt Esther, Dick and Mimi with him. Thus they were united.

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### Home work

• **Answer the following questions:** ( to be done in your classwork copy)

1. Why did the narrator's family move over to the mainland in winter?
2. Describe the weather of Big Half Moon Island in summer?
3. What did the narrator's father discover when he went back home?
4. How did the kite have a hole in it?
5. Why was Claude standing foolishly?
6. How did Aunt Esther recognize the kite's owner?
7. Who played the key-role in uniting the two families?

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