

SAINIK SCHOOL GOPALGANJ

ASSIGNMENT

ON KILLING A TREE (POEM)

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I. Read the extracts below and answer the questions that follow:

1. It takes much time to kill a tree,
Not a simple jab of the knife Will do it.
It has grown Slowly consuming the earth,

A. What will a simple jab of the knife not do to a tree?
B. Where has the tree grown?
C. What did the tree need to grow?
D. How does its bark look?
2. No, The root is to be pulled out –
Out of the anchoring earth;
It is to be roped, tied,

A. What shall one have to do to kill the tree?
B. How does the earth give protection to the tree?
C. How is the earth seen in relation to it?
D. Name the poetic device used in the last line here.
3. And the strength of the tree exposed
The source, white and wet,
The most sensitive, hidden
For years inside the earth.

A. What happens when the tree is pulled out?
B. How does the source of the tree look?
C. Where has the source of the tree laid?
D. Give the meaning of „sensitive“.
4. Then the matter
Of scorching and choking
In sun and air,
Browning, hardening,
Twisting, Withering,
And then it is done.