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Narrative Writing

Short Story the Farmer and His Sons

Read the story and answer the questions?

A long time ago there lived a farmer with his three sons in a village. The sons were strong and handsome and that made them very proud. They were idlers and spent most of their time roaming about in the village. They considered it below their dignity to work in the fields with their father. The poor father did his utmost to impress upon them the necessity of hard work but to no avail. He was very heartbroken at their behaviour. "If they do not work", he thought. It was such a terrible thought for him as he took to bed. His sons did their best to save his life, but he did not improve. At last, the doctor told them that he was on the brink of death.

Even on his deathbed, the old farmer was thinking about his sons. Suddenly an idea came to his mind. He called all his sons and told them that he had buried all his wealth in his fields. But he did not tell them the exact location of the treasure and breathed his last. After his death, the sons went to the fields and began digging up the earth. They dug day in and out but found no treasure.

Disappointed, they thought that they should do something with the land and so they sowed their fields. That year they reaped a rich harvest and sold it in the market at a good price. One night when they were counting their earnings, one of the sons realized that it was the treasure their father had promised them. He shared it with the others. They wept and thanked their dead father who taught them the lesson "no pain, no gain."

1. Who are the characters in the story? (2)

2. Where does the story takes place? (1)

3. The conflict in the story is _____. (1)
a. The father dies b. the sons are lazy c. the sons can't farm
4. How is the problem solved in the story?

_____ (2)
5. Does this story teach a lesson? If so, what lesson does it teaches?

_____ (2)
6. State three thing that you have learnt from the lesson today (3)

