

CBSE Class 10 English Language and Literature

Revision Notes

Chapter 10

The sermon at benares

- This lesson tells us about the life of Gautama Buddha, who was born in a royal family as Siddhartha.
- Once he saw a funeral processing, and monk begging for the alms.
- These sights moved them a lot and he decided to become a monk and started moving in search of enlightenment.
- He started meditation under a peepal tree and after seven days he got enlightenment and he became known as the Buddha (the Awakened or the Enlightened).
- He preached his first sermon at Benares.
- Once a woman came to him requesting to bring her dead son to life.
- Gautama Buddha asked the lady to bring handful of mustard seeds from the house were there had been no death.
- The lady moved from one house to another but she could not find a single house where no one has lost a child, husband, parents or friend.
- Then she came to know that death common to all and is the ultimate truth.