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Class:4 English Literature  
Chapter:5

### Arachne

#### Synopsis

The story begins describing a beautiful girl in Greece whose name was Arachne. She loved to weave and finally she became famous. As days went by she became proud of her talent, so the gods and goddesses decided to send Athena goddess of tapestry and also the queen of air to earth to teach the boastful girl a lesson. So, Athena disguised herself as an old woman and knocked at Arachne's door. As Arachne showed the beautiful work that she had just completed the old woman said that her work was beautiful but not as beautiful as that of Athena's. Hearing this, Arachne got annoyed and she said that her work was the best and challenged her. Arachne got annoyed and jeered at the old woman this angered Athena who threw off her disguise and appeared before Arachne in all her glory. Athena told Arachne that pride had never helped anyone but Arachne still boasted that she was the best and challenged Athena. Athena accepted the challenge. They would both weave and the great Jupiter would be the judge. The condition was, that if Arachne lost, she would not weave anymore. As Arachne lost the challenge, she was turned into a spider where she could spin her web all day long.

#### Worksheet

##### 1. Fill in the blanks:

- a) Arachne would \_\_\_ from morning till noon.
- b) The \_\_\_ and Goddesses watched Arachne became proud.
- c) Jupiter decided to send \_\_\_ to earth,
- d) Athena was the Goddess of \_\_\_.
- e) The old woman looked at the \_\_\_ \_\_\_ and admired every piece.
- f) Arachne's eyes were sharp and \_\_\_.
- g) The Goddess waited for Arachne to \_\_\_.
- h) Arachne took the finest \_\_\_ and began to \_\_\_.
- i) Arachne wove a thread of \_\_\_ beauty.
- j) The weaving contest was held between \_\_\_ and \_\_\_.

##### 2 . Answer the following questions:

- a) Describe Arachne .
- b) Describe the village.
- c) Why would people come from far and wide to buy her cloth?
- d) What did people say when they saw Arachne's work?
- e) What did the god and goddesses observe about Arachne?
- f) Who was the judge?
- g) Where did Athena set up her loom?
- h) Where did Arachne set up her loom?
- i) Describe the web Athena wove in the sky.
- j) What did the people feel when they saw Athena's web ?

3. Reference to context:

A)"Oh,how can I live."

I.Who said these words and to whom?

II.Why did she feel miserable?

B)" Then so be it."

I.Who said these words and to whom?

II. Why was the speaker angry?

4.Make sentences with the following words

a) enchanting -

b) doubt -

c) spider -

d) happy -

e) allowed -

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1A.Give the meanings to the following words:

2.Write what happened next.