

# I am the Land

3 marks question and answer

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1. What is the central idea of the poem 'I am the land'?

Answer: "I Am the Land" is a short poem in which the poet has personified land and it underlines the fact that man tries to dominate land, though he doesn't own it. He takes pride in possessing the land, buys and sells it. The land waits patiently.

2. What were the feelings of the land expressed in the poem 'I am the land'?

Answer: The land waits patiently. When someone plants trees, grass or when children dance on it, the land feels a pleasurable tickle. However, the land is anguished when the man tries to make boundaries using wires and fences. The poem ends with a thought-provoking stanza that questions 'Can you fence the planet earth?

3. What qualities of the earth are expressed in the poem I am the land?

Answer: In the poem, I am the land the poet depicts the mother earth as the speaker. Mother earth tells that she waits with patience when people claim that the land belongs to them. They occupy the land, plough, plant trees, grow fruits and grass. The children dance and play on the land.

4. How does Marina de Bellagenta express the feelings of the land?

**OR**

How does the poet describe that the earth has an ocean of patience in the poem, 'I am the land'?

Answer: Here the poet Marina De Ballagenta Express the feeling of the land being to be the land or the mother earth. She tells how the land like the mother is full of patience while we, her children go about destroying her.

5. "I wait," is repeated five times in the poem 'I am the Land'. What quality of the speaker is highlighted through this repetition?

Answer: The repetition of the word 'wait' five times in the poem shows that the speaker is the very symbol of patience. The speaker is not rash. The speaker waits patiently for a change for the better. The speaker is optimistic that there will be a change. The speaker has faith in the goodness of people.

6. What are the activities that go on over the land?

Answer: Man buys land, digs the land and plants trees, grows fruit on it. Children dance and play on land. Man also fences and makes boundaries over the land.

7. 'You cannot put a fence around the planet earth'. How do you justify this statement from the poem 'I am the Land'?

Answer: As man continues to exploit the land, it watches everything patiently. But when people put a fence around their property with a selfish motive, the land becomes self-assertive. It reminds them that the whole earth is their home and they cannot put a fence around the whole planet.