
A LETTER TO GOD

I. Answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences each.

- a. Where was Lencho's house situated?
- b. What did Lencho and the earth need immediately?
- c. How did it rain as predicted by Lencho and how did he receive it?
- d. Why were the rain drops like new coins for Lencho?
- e. Why did Lencho's happiness change into deep concern?
- f. Describe the loss caused by the heavy fall of hailstones in general and to Lencho in particular.
- g. In the hearts of all who lived in that solitary house, there was a single hope, what was that?
- h. Why did Lencho think of writing a letter to God? What did he write in the letter?
- i. What was the address written and how was the letter sent to God?
- j. How did the post master react when a postman showed him the letter to God?
- k. Why did the postmaster decide to answer Lencho's letter?
- l. How did the postmaster answer Lencho's letter by sending him the money?
- m. Why did Lencho go a bit earlier than usual to the post office the following Sunday?
- n. Why did Lencho show no surprise on seeing the money?
- o. Why was Lencho angry after he counted the money?
- p. Why did Lencho ask help from God? Did he receive it?
- q. What did Lencho write in his second letter to God? Why did he ask him not to send the rest of money by post mail?
- r. Lencho has a great faith in God. Does he have the same kind of faith in man? Taking examples from the story describe his attitude towards God and man.
- s. What is the irony at the end of the story?

II. Answer in 100 – 130 words.

1. Describe Lencho as a farmer. How did the rain gladden his heart but the heavy hailstones that followed left him a worried man?
2. What circumstances made Lencho write a letter to God? What does this act show about him?
3. Writing a letter to God for help really shows not only the unshaken faith in God of the writer Lencho but also shows his utter simplicity and innocence. Comment.
4. Why did the postmaster and his employees decide to help Lencho? Was their effort appreciated by the receiver of that help?
5. Who does Lencho think has taken the rest of the money? Describe the ironical ending of the story.
6. Draw a character sketch of Lencho, the farmer in about 120-150 words.
7. Give a character sketch of the Postmaster in your own words; don't you think that he should have deserved a better recognition and appreciation for his act of charity?

III. Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below:

1. Immediately, Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink. On the public writing-table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas. When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mailbox the postmaster went to open it. It said, "God: Of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks". Lencho.
 - a. Why were there much wrinkles on Lencho's brow?
 - b. What did he do when he finished the letter?
 - c. What was Lencho's request regarding the amount of money?
 - d. Were the post office employees indeed a 'a bunch of crooks'?

2. Lencho showed not a slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence-but he became angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested.

- a. Why did Lencho not show any surprise on seeing the money?
- b. Why did he become angry when he counted the money?
- c. Could God have denied Lencho what he had requested him?
- d. What was the help Lencho demanded from the God?