

Bholi (Prose)

Chapter 13: Bholi (Prose) · Topic 1

Key Concept

Bholi, disfigured by smallpox as a child and mocked for it, grows up lacking confidence, believing herself unworthy due to society's prejudice.

Despite these challenges, a supportive teacher helps Bholi discover her inner strength and encourages her to pursue education.

When faced with an unjust marriage proposal that mocks her disability, Bholi finds the courage to reject it and assert her self-worth.

This story highlights themes of self-respect, the transformative power of education, and overcoming societal prejudice against physical differences.

Quick Revision Notes

- Bholi: disfigured by smallpox, mocked as child.
- Grows up lacking confidence due to prejudice.
- Supportive teacher helps discover inner strength.
- Encourages her to pursue education.
- Faced unjust marriage proposal mocking disability.
- Bholi rejects it, asserts self-worth.
- Story highlights self-respect, education's power.
- Also overcoming societal prejudice.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss the challenges Bholi faced growing up.
- 2 Discuss how education changed Bholi's life.
- 3 Discuss why Bholi rejected the marriage proposal.
- 4 Write about someone who overcame prejudice.
- 5 Discuss the role of the supportive teacher.
- 6 Reflect on the importance of self-respect.