

**LESSON NOTES****School: Ba Sangam College****Year/Level: 9****Name: _____****Subject: English****Worksheet 21****Year: _____**

Strand	Reading and Viewing
Sub Strand	Socio-Cultural context and situation
Content Learning Outcome	Examine and explain socio- cultural values of the prescribed texts and relate it to their society.

NOVEL: Title: The Silent One**Author: Joy Cowley****Themes****1. Handicapped people should be treated properly and given a place in the society**

- Jonasi was not treated fairly as he was deaf and dumb
- He was teased by children, stared at and growled by the elders
- He was pushed among women and children and not included in men's' activities such as pig hunt
- Other boys like Etika and Samu were chosen and not him

2. Animals can be good companions of human beings

- The white turtle was Jonasi's best friend
- He was always happy when he was with his friend
- He would prefer to live in the sea than in the village
- The turtle was his means of transportation when his raft was destroyed

3. Literacy can drive out the fear of superstition and make belief from the traditional people

- The villagers were illiterate
- They believe everything they were told by others
- Aisake was educated and he can reason things like its natural for one to be deaf and dumb
- He knew it was natural to have drought and storms

4. Superstitious beliefs at times can disturb the peaceful nature of human beings

- The villagers believed that Jonasi possess demons and his pet was also evil and both brought bad luck to the village
- They were frightened of Jonasi and avoid being near him
- There's tension in the village
- The villagers were suspicious of Luisa's family also
- Chief Vueti and his son Aisake were disturbed by the villagers' superstitious beliefs

5. Love and friendship are important ingredients for survival.

Activity

(5 marks)

True and False. Identify whether the given sentences are true or false.

1. Handicapped people should be kept separately in the society. _____
2. Jonasi was very lucky in terms of love from the villagers. _____
3. Jonasi was very happy when he was with the turtle. _____
4. The villagers believed that Jonasi brought bad luck to the village. _____
5. Love and friendship is very important in life. _____