

Class X Eng(supplementary Reader) HANDOUT

FOOTPRINTS WITHOUT FEET Module1/3

The story shifts from the crowded London to the quiet village of Iping.

- Griffin booked two rooms at a local inn.
- The landlord's wife, Mrs. Hall, was more than happy to have a guest during the off season/ lean season.
- She tried her best to make him feel comfortable and talked in a friendly manner but Griffin wanted to remain in solitude.
- She concludes that he is an eccentric scientist with strange habits and an irritable temper.
- In due course of time, Griffin runs out of money he had stolen from the theatrical company.
- A clergyman and his wife realize that the housekeeping money is missing., they hear the noise of money being taken away but can't find a sign of anybody.
- **More extra ordinary things happen!!**
- The landlord and his wife, out of curiosity, go to the open room of the scientist.
- Since they see nobody in it, they decide to investigate.
- Suddenly the hat dashes into Mrs. Hall's face, then a chair flies into the air, towards her..
- The terribly scared couple rush downstairs.

- She is sure that the room is haunted while her neighbors feel it is some witchcraft.
- Griffin becomes a suspect in the burglary at the clergyman's house when he suddenly produces some ready cash.
- To catch the offend, Griffin, the village constable, Mr Jaffers is called.
- The furious scientist throws away his bandages and whiskers and spectacles and nose to reveal his true self. To Mrs. Hall who demands to know about his mysterious actions.
- Mr. Jaffers arrives to see a headless man who he has to arrest.
- Known for his sense of duty, Mr. Jaffer tries very hard to catch a person who becomes and more invisible.
- People who tried to help Mr. Jaffers in catching Griffin are hit by blows by the invisible man.
- Mr. Jaffers is knocked unconscious by the invisible Griffin and Griffin thus manages to escape.

Is Griffin law abiding? What wrong has he done in this part of the story?

- Griffin breaks the law deliberately again and again.
- He only feels that his needs should be satisfied, by hook or by crook.
- He steals money from the clergyman's house.
- He, unlike a gentleman, flings the hat and the chair at Mrs Hall which scares the couple beyond words.

- When Mrs. Hall confronts Griffin, he becomes furious and screams at her.
- He reveals his invisible head and horrifies the people there.
- He knocks Mr. Jaffer unconscious before escaping to his freedom yet again.