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Success is counted Sweetest: Emily Dickinson

## Success is counted sweetest (112)

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Success is counted sweetest  
By those **who ne'er succeed.**  
To comprehend a **nectar**  
Requires sorest need.

Not one of all the purple **Host**  
Who took the **Flag** today  
Can tell the definition  
So clear of **victory**

As he defeated – dying –  
On whose forbidden **ear**  
The distant strains of triumph  
Burst agonized and clear!

- (1) Who is the author of (who wrote) the poem “Success is counted Sweetest?”
- (a) William Wordsworth  
(b) **Emily Dickinson**  
(c) Charles Dickens  
(d) Langston Hughes
- (2) Emily Dickinson is .....poetess.
- (a) an American  
(b) a British  
(c) a Canadian  
(d) an Australian

- (3) Who counts success? (સફળતાને કોણ સારી રીતે સમજી શકે છે?)
- (a) Those who read this poem  
 (b) Those who win a lot  
 (c) Those who die in battle  
 (d) Those who don't succeed (those who never succeed) (જેઓ નિષ્ફળ જાય છે તેઓ જ સફળતા શું છે તેને સમજી શકે છે. )
- (4) What drink is mentioned in stanza 1?
- (a) Beer  
 (b) Wine  
 (c) Snapple  
 (d) Nectar (અમૃત)
- (5) What item did the “Host” take?
- (a) The **Flag**  
 (b) The Cake  
 (c) The Field  
 (d) The Song
- (6) What can the dying soldier most clearly define? (પરાજીત થઈને મૃત્યુ પામી રહેલો સૈનિક શેની સ્પષ્ટ વ્યાખ્યા આપી શકે? (વિજયની- એટલે કે હારેલાને જ વિજય શું છે તેને સમજી શકે છે).
- (a) Antidiseestablishmentarianism  
 (b) War  
 (c) **Victory**  
 (d) Defeat
- (7) Where does the music “burst”?
- (a) On the battlefield  
 (b) **On the dying soldier's ear**  
 (c) On the hills  
 (d) On the hot air balloon

- (8) What two images does Dickinson use to symbolize “success” in “Success is counted Sweetest”?
- (a) **The nectar and the victorious army**  
(b) The nectar and the olive branch  
(c) The olive branch and the laurel  
(d) The laurel and the victorious army
- (9) What does the defeated learn in “Success is counted Sweetest”?
- (a) The impossibility of success  
(b) A deep feeling of agony  
(c) **The meaning of victory**  
(d) The importance of struggle
- (10) “Success is Counted Sweetest” is a lyric poem by Emily Dickinson
- (11) This poem was written in 1859 and published anonymously in 1864.
- (12) This poem is written in **iambic trimeter** (but line 5 in iambic tetrameter)