

# THE PRAYING HANDS

B.

1. Who cried when the toast was raised? What did he/she say?  
→ Albrecht cried when the toast was raised. He said he could not go to the academy for working in the mines had badly damaged his hands. They would not be able to make delicate lines on the parchment.

2. What kind of art pieces did Albrecht create?  
→ Albrecht Durer painted with watercolours, made pen and silver-point sketches, charcoals, woodcuts and copper engravings.

C.

He called his powerful drawing simply 'Hands', but the entire world almost immediately opened their hearts to this great master piece and renamed his tribute of love 'The Praying Hands'.

1. What was the subject of the drawing?  
→ The subject of the drawing was two hands joined together.

2. Why did the artist call it 'Hands'?  
→ The artist called it 'Hands' to pay tribute to his brother's abused hands.

3. Explain the phrase, 'opened their hearts'.  
→ The phrase means that a lot of people poured out their admiration, love and respect for Albrecht Durer for the sacrifice he made for his brother.

D.

1. What do you think of the decision taken by the two brothers?

→ The decision taken by the two brothers was based purely on chance and luck. It had nothing to do with talent or fairness. It changed the life of one brother and destroyed that of the other. But at that point in their lives, the brothers had no other way in sight for making a decision.



2. Why has this story been titled the 'Praying Hands'?

→ The story has been very appropriately named, it related the tribute paid by Albrecht to his brother whose hands became useless in the effort to support his brother's education in the academy.

3. What impression do you form about the two brothers and their relationships?

→ The impression is of two very loving brothers who understood each other's dreams and were willing to support each other even if it meant making sacrifices. They were appreciative of what one brother did for the other.

E. There is more happiness in sacrificing for others than in greedily accumulating for oneself. Express your views on this statement.

→ It is noble to help another human being, even if it means sacrifices - people only help themselves not anyone else. One who makes sacrifices is respected and loved by all. If you are sacrificing something you are not giving it up but passing it on to someone else.