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BLOCK INTRODUCTION

Block 2 consists of seven units. Here, you will get an idea on outdoor literature apart from two novels, a novella and a speech by a Nobel Laureate.

Unit 9: This unit deals with an interesting section titled "A Camp in the Dark" from R. L. Stevenson's *Travels with a Donkey in the Cevennes* providing the learners with one the best examples of outdoor literature.
Unit 10: This unit discusses the acceptance speech delivered by Derek Walcott while receiving the Noble Prize in Literature. His speech titled "The Antilles: Fragments of Epic Memory" is notable for its unique style and reflects his debt to his childhood experiences of growing up in an island.
Unit 11: This unit deals with Antoine de Saint Exupery's novella *The Little Prince*. It deals with fantasy and is an adult fable depicting the differences in the perception of a child from a man. The story of the novella is believed to be an inspiration from the life of the writer himself.
Unit 12: This unit introduces you to the context of the novel *Home and the World* by Rabindranath Tagore. The novel is a lively account of pre-independent India and portrays Tagore's views on nation and patriotism.
Unit 13: This unit titled *Home and the World* II is a continuation of the previous unit. However, here the learners will be presented with a detailed discussion on the novel. Aspects such as major characters, themes and style of the novelist have been provided in the unit.
Unit 14: This unit contains the American novelist John Steinbeck's novel *The Moon is Down* along with a description about the genre of the novel. The novel deals with the basic values of freedom, democracy and the collective power of free individuals.
Unit 15: This unit continues discussing at length, John Steinbeck's novel *The Moon is Down.* In this unit, the principal and minor characters, as well as, the main themes are discussed. It focuses on the intellectuals and emotional needs that the novel tried to fulfill among a free people when they had found their democratic ideals crushed by aggression in a Nazi occupied town.

While going through a unit, you may also notice some text boxes, which have been included to help you know some of the difficult terms and concepts. You will also read about some relevant ideas and concepts in "LET US KNOW" along with the text. We have kept "CHECK YOUR PROGRESS" questions in each unit. These have been designed to self-check your progress of study. The answers to these questions are given at the end of the unit. We strongly advise that you answer the questions immediately after you finish reading the section in which these questions occur. We have also included a few books in the "FURTHER READING" which will be helpful for your further consultation. The books referred during the preparation of the units have been added at the end of each Block. However, this SLM is not an end in itself and the learners are strongly advised to consult the books and other resources recommended for reading.