

A torching and emotional adieu to the identity of the French who were being deprived not only of their political freedom but also their identity.

Jeans, fears while going to school

- *Late for school
- *Atrial of scolding
- *Had no heart lesson on patriotism
- *Thought of running away and spending the day outside because the day was bright and warm.
- *Bells clanging
- *Tempted to watch drilling of Prussian soldiers
- Overcome temptation and rushed to school

Unusual scene at school

- *Hush and hush
- *Noise of opening and closing desk
- *Exposition of lesson in French
- *Drilling of teachers rule a poem on the table

Changes in school noticed by Jean

- *Everything was silent
- *M. Hamel was in exceptional dress
- *Chairs were now already in their places
- *Kindness of M. Hamel
- *Glowing look of the school
- *Village elderly people sitting on back benches.

M. Hamel's addressing to students

- *M. Hamel demanded full attention
- *Last lesson of French
- *Germans will be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorena
- *Jean felt sorry for ignoring his lesson
- *Deeply pained at the thought of M. Hamel going away

Lack of learning : Hamel's view

- Parents ignorant, not anxious to have their children learn
- Children preferred to be put to work on farms or mills
- Also blamed himself for sending children on errands

M. Hamel teaches his last lesson.

- *Calls the French language the most beautiful language.
- *Gives the STUDENTS their lesson
- *Wants to teach them everything in one go
- *Gives a lesson in writing
- M. Hamel's courage-spirit of patriotism***
- *Church clock strikes twelve
- *Trumpets of the Prussian soldiers sound under the window
- *M. Hamel writes 'vive la France' to dismiss the last class
- *Dismissed school by making a gesture with his hand