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Siddhartha
“Amongst the People” (chpt. 6): Reading Guide

I. Vocabulary: Be able to define the following words and understand them when they appear in the novel. Also, be prepared to be quizzed on these words.

supple: flexible

prudent: wise

servile: resembling a slave

insatiable: impossible to satisfy

knack: special way of doing something

equanimity: quality of being calm

reproach: criticize; disapprove

lament: to feel sorry for; regret

II. Questions: answer the following questions while you read to check your comprehension.

1. What is Siddhartha’s response when Kamaswami accuses him of living off others’ possessions?
2. According to Siddhartha, what good is fasting?
3. What skills does Kamaswami test for to see if Siddhartha has?
4. What does Kamaswami invite Siddhartha to do?
5. What is something Kamala teaches Siddhartha right away?
6. Where lay the value and meaning of Siddhartha’s life?

7. According to Kamaswami, what is the secret of success?
8. What was Kamaswami never able to convince Siddhartha of?
9. Throughout the chapter, Siddhartha views business matters like a what? The narrator makes this analogy several times.
10. What does Siddhartha sometime wish for?
11. Who does Siddhartha think knows him better than Govinda?
12. How was this foreshadowed earlier in the novel?
13. **Most** people are like _____ and **few** are like _____.
14. What does Siddhartha consider himself to be like?
15. Those who follow Buddha are like what?