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Study Notes : 1	Topic: The Eyes Have it (Study notes) By--- Ruskin Bond	Note: Reference material

Summary of the story

The Eyes Have it is a marvelous short story written by Ruskin Bond who has used the first-person narrative technique in the story. The story is narrated by the person who himself is blind. His eyes are sensitive only to light and darkness. While going to Dehradun by train he comes across a girl. He starts a conversation and gradually becomes interested in her. He tactfully hides his blindness from the girl to impress her. But the conversation does not last long. The girl bids him good-bye as the train arrives at the destination. After her departure, a new male member comes into the compartment. From that man the narrator learns that the girl was completely blind. The revelation shocks the narrator. He feels that he has deceived himself. This is an ironical twist that makes the story so appealing.



Characters in the story

1. **The narrator:** He is the main character in this short story who is travelling to Dehra alone by train from Delhi. He has been described as being blind. He tries to strike a conversation with the pretty girl who comes into his compartment at Rohana. He loves to talk and know about people by questioning them about their lives.
2. **The girl:** She is the passenger who travels with the narrator in the train. She's been described as being pretty and with an interesting face. Later in the story we get to know about her blindness.
3. **The passenger who gets in at Saharanpur:** He is the person who helps the author realize that the girl he was travelling with was blind, just like him.

Important concepts and value points of the

story:

➤ **Setting:**

The setting of the story is in a train compartment in the month of October.

➤ **Theme of the story:**

The story handles multiple themes like kindness, determination and independence.

✓ **Kindness:** - Throughout the story, the narrator shows kindness to the young woman.

✓ **Determination:** - He is blind but he doesn't consider this to be an obstacle.

✓ **Independence:** - Though he is blind, he is not dependent on others.

➤ **Point of view:**

In this story First Person point of view has been used.

➤ **Conflict:**

In this story the conflict is between the narrator and his state of being blind. So, the conflict used is Person versus nature.

➤ **Plot Device:**

Situational Irony

The plot device used in the story is situational irony. It is a narrative technique where actions have an effect that is opposite from what is intended, so that the outcome is contrary to what is expected.

➤ **Moral of the Story:**

God has given a fair share of luck and talent to each and every individual in this world. So instead of hiding our short comings, we must appreciate what we have and not complain about what we do not have. We, ultimately learn a very valuable lesson about the influence of initial assumptions on the ways we perceive the world and other people.

WEB RESOURCES:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BAxnhU6Gk78>