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**SUBJECT : COMPULSORY ENGLISH**

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SUCCESS IS COUNTED SWEETEST

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# INTRODUCTION

- Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) was the daughter of a conservative New England lawyer.
- She was born in Amherst, Massachusetts.
- Throughout her life, she remained single and confined herself within the walls of her house.
- She spent all her time composing poems.
- She started writing poetry in her twenties and wrote more than 1700 short poems.
- She excels in writing short, delicate lyrics which are all rich in feeling and imagination.
- Simple diction and unconventional imagery are the special features of the poetry.

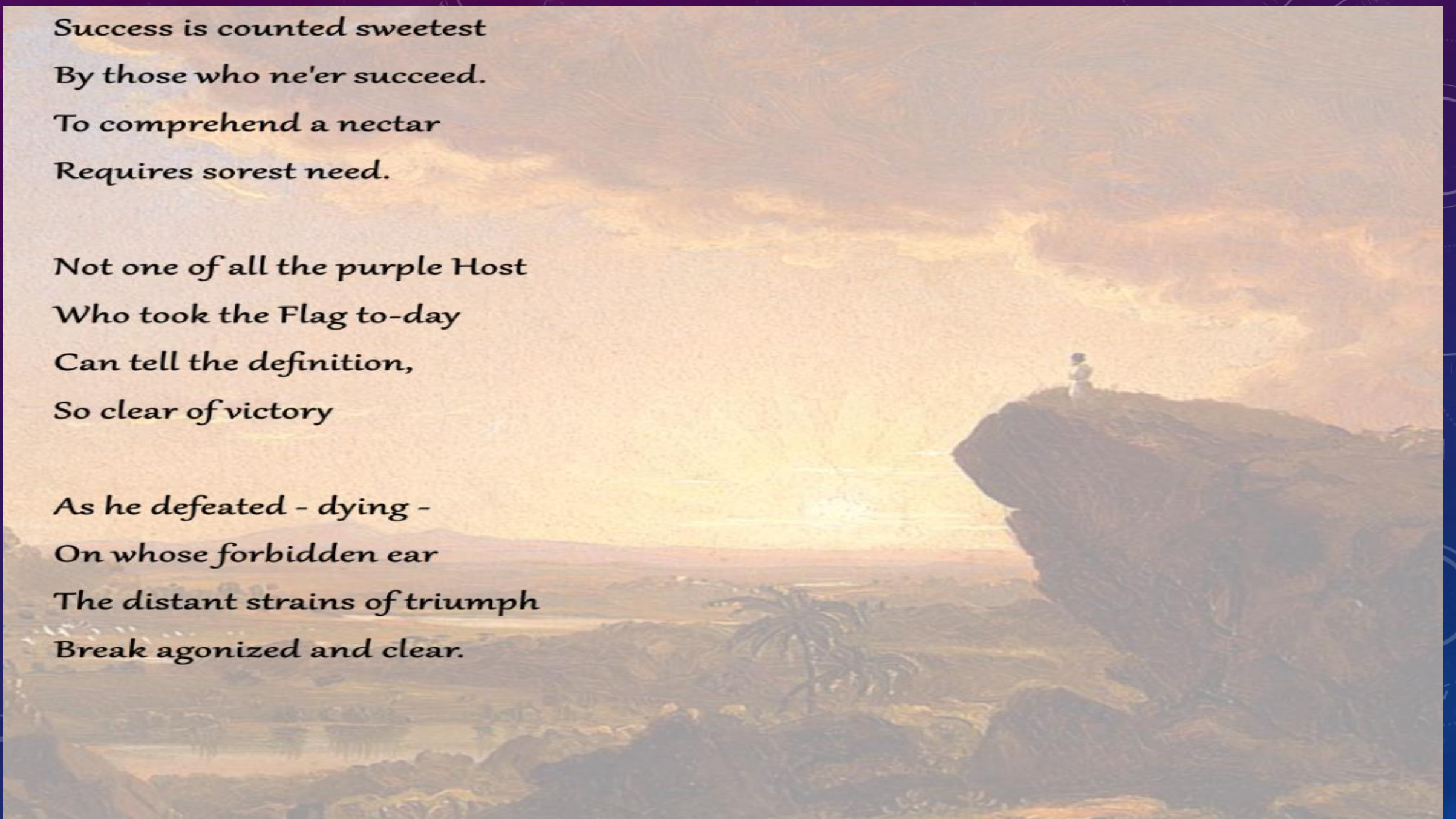
# CENTRAL IDEA OF THE POEM

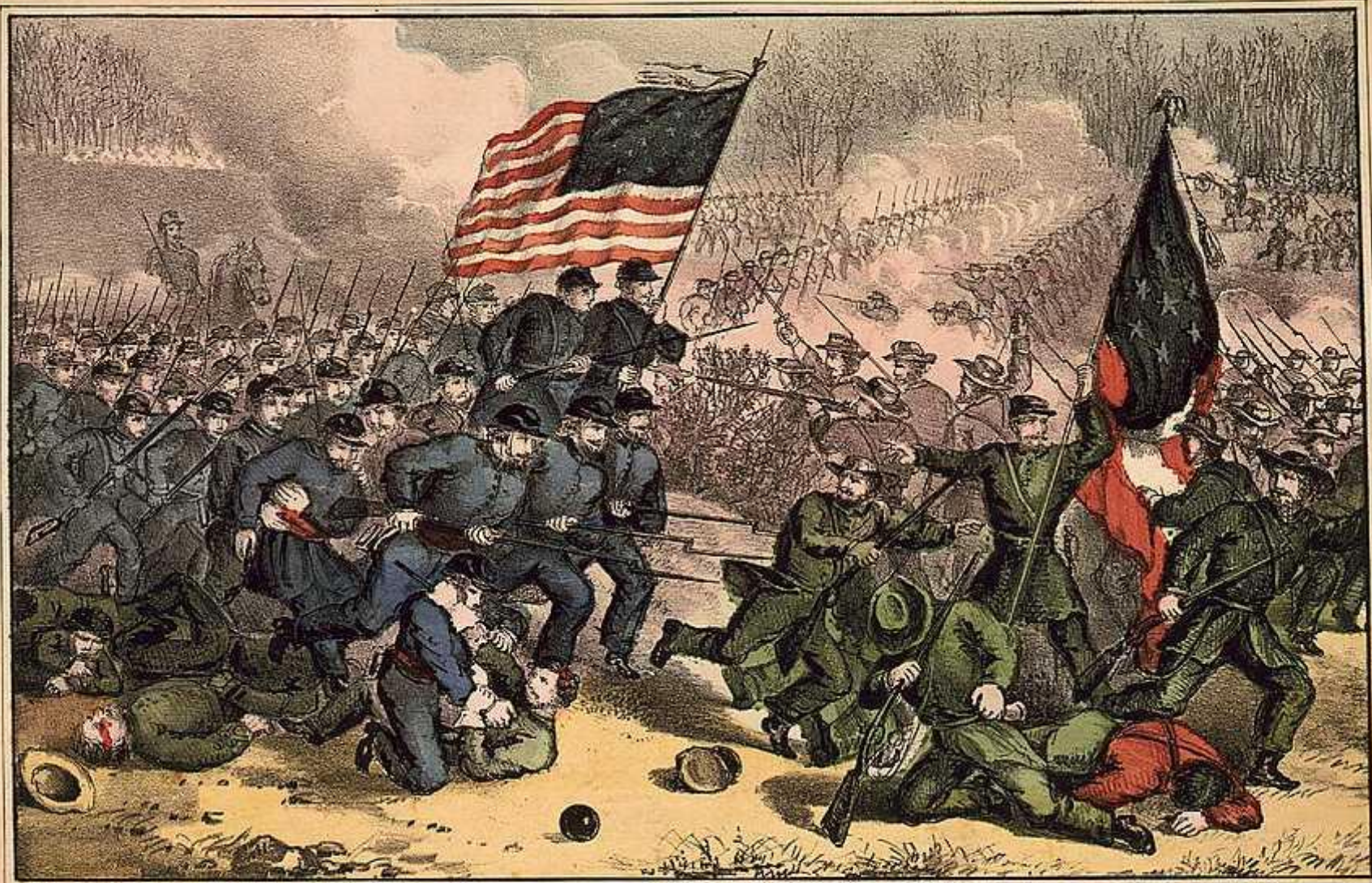
- In this poem, Emily shows the way for securing success.
- If a man wants success in any undertaking, he must toil tirelessly.
- To achieve great things one has to remain ready for a lot of pain.
- "No pain, no gain" is an apt observation.
- A victory in war is the result of sweat and sacrifice of the soldiers.
- Blood, they say, is a rich manure for the fertile growth of victory.
- Those who fail consider success extremely sweet.

Success is counted sweetest  
By those who ne'er succeed.  
To comprehend a nectar  
Requires sorest need.

Not one of all the purple Host  
Who took the Flag to-day  
Can tell the definition,  
So clear of victory

As he defeated - dying -  
On whose forbidden ear  
The distant strains of triumph  
Break agonized and clear.





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## THE SECOND BATTLE OF BULL RUN, FOUGHT AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup> 1862.

*Between the "Army of Virginia" under Maj. Gen. John Pope, and the combined forces of the Rebel Army under Lee, Jackson and others. This terrific battle was fought on the identical battle field of Bull Run, and lasted with great fury from daylight until after dark, when the rebels were driven back, and the Union Army rested in triumph on the field.*

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# GLOSSARY:

- Counted: Considered
- Comprehend : understand
- Nectar : a sweet, nourishing drink; in mythology, this was the drink of Gods. It ensured immortality  
great, urgent desire
- purple host : an army wearing a purple uniform
- Took the flag : became winners
- forbidden ear : an ear on which the music is not meant to be heard, because the hearer is a loser
- strains : musical notes
- Brust : suddenly produce a loud sound



# QUESTIONS:

- :Answer the following questions in about 200 words:
  - (1) Attempt a summary of the poem - 'Success is Counted Sweetest.'
  - (2) What according to Emily Dickinson, is the way to secure success in life?

**THANK YOU**

