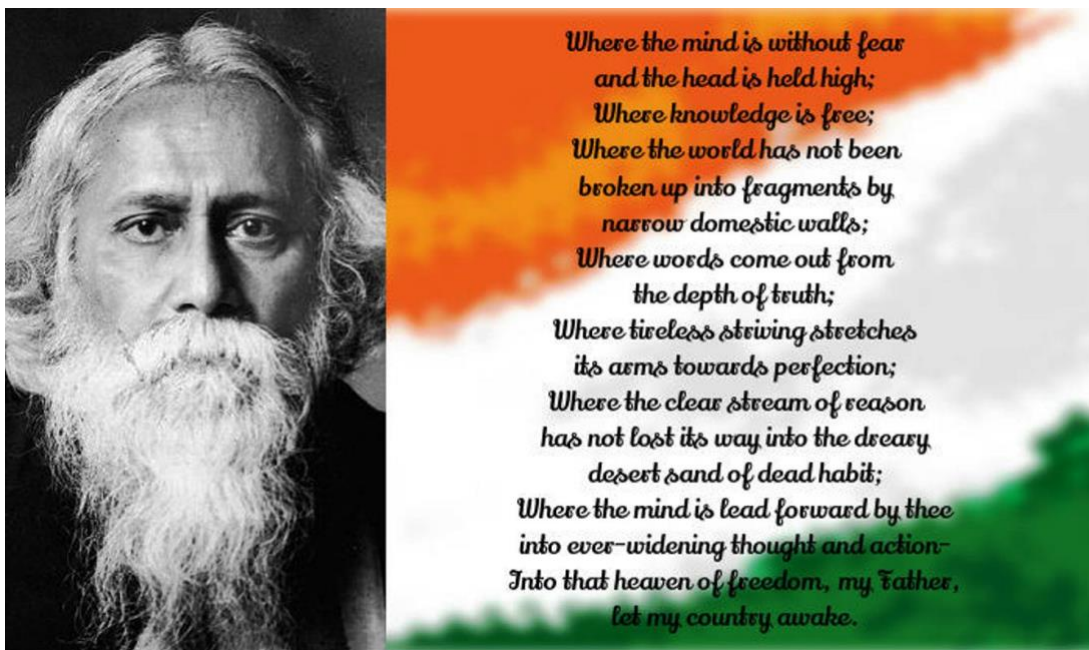




**TAGORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**  
EAST OF KAILASH, NEW DELHI

**HOLIDAY ASSIGNMENT**  
**CLASS VIII**  
**SESSION: 2021-2022**



Dear students

Rabindranath Tagore, the Bard of Bengal believed that freedom of the individual is the basis for the growth of human civilisation and progress. It is the inner urge of a person to be in harmony with the great universe. Freedom is everything creative and spontaneous in human mind and spirit. It is the capacity to create a better order.

The Parrot's Tale, a short story by Tagore brings out the freedom of thought and expression. Tagore believed that each individual must be responsible and be provided with the freedom of thought to think and learn from experiences and discussions.

These are the values of Tagore that we would like you to imbibe and use them to enhance your creative, analytical and organizational skills through the tasks that have been designed for you.

So, this summer vacation, wear your thinking caps, delve deep into the story mentioned, do the activities and enjoy your time with your family and friends. Over and above, stay indoors, stay safe.

**General Instructions for the activities:**

There are five activities given to you. All five activities are compulsory.

- a) Your work should be well researched, presented and visually attractive.
- b) Upload your work in the respective Google classrooms.
- c) Each task will be assessed under the following parameters:
  - Relevance of the content
  - Expression of the ideas
  - Presentation
  - Research
  - Creativity

Read the Parrot's Tale on the link given below to complete the activities assigned to you:

[https://www.parabaas.com/translation/database/translations/stories/gRabindranath\\_parrot.html](https://www.parabaas.com/translation/database/translations/stories/gRabindranath_parrot.html)

Video link of the Parrot's Tale: <https://youtu.be/uYtNopxK1d0>

**Activity-1****Radio Talk Show**

The Parrot's Tale reflects the faulty education system in India during Tagore's time or perhaps is more relevant to the system of education that restricts the holistic development of a child, rather deprives one of all innocent joys in life.

- Keeping the theme of the story in mind, imagine yourself as the parrot from the story. You are grieved at being caged and forced to learn things that do not interest you. You decide to host a radio talk show to express your woes. Kindly follow the guidelines given:
- You will work in groups of five. The groups will be assigned by your subject teacher.
- Each student in a group must contribute to the show in one or the other way.
- Limit yourself to eight minutes and record your show in an MP3 format and upload the same in the Google classroom.
- Create your show in the form of a parody or a spoof satirising the faulty education system present in the society.
- Invite famous personalities such as Malala Yousafzai, the activist for female education, Kailash Satyarthi, the social reformer who advocated the universal right to education and find out from them as to why is it important to have the right to freedom of thought and expression and the right to educate oneself.

- You can create a jingle mocking the system, include music, and add a background score to make the show interesting.

### Activity-2

रबींद्रनाथ टैगोर एक कवि, नाटककार, उपन्यासकार, दार्शनिक और एक युगदृष्टा थे। टैगोर जी के साहित्य ने शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में अद्भुत आयाम किए। वह समाज के सामने शिक्षा के विभिन्न रूपों को लेकर आए। टैगोर जी की ऐसी ही एक कहानी है – 'तोते की कहानी', तो बच्चों आइए इस कहानी पर आधारित कुछ गतिविधि की जाए -

-जिस प्रकार 'तोते की कहानी' में तोता पिंजरे में स्वतंत्रता के लिए व्याकुल है, वैसे ही कल्पना कीजिए कि दो पक्षी पिंजरे में बंद हैं और आपस में अपनी व्यथा को लेकर वार्तालाप कर रहे हैं। उनकी इस वार्तालाप को चित्र-पट्टिका (comic Strip) के रूप में प्रस्तुत कीजिए या उसे ग्राफिक्स कहानी में परिवर्तित कीजिए।

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आप चाहे तो इस गतिविधि को अपने साथी के साथ मिलकर एक संवाद के रूप में प्रस्तुत करें और इसका ऑडियो या वीडियो बनाकर अपलोड करें।

- स्वतंत्रता हर किसी को प्रिय है जिस प्रकार से तोता स्वतंत्रता के लिए छटपटा रहा था, तो क्या आप भी कभी अपने दैनिक कार्यों को करने लिए जीवन में स्वतंत्रता चाहते हैं, यदि हाँ तो अपनी कक्षा के बच्चों को समूह में विभाजित कर इसे **रैप गीत** (rap song) के माध्यम से प्रस्तुत करें आप चाहे तो इसमें संगीत और नृत्य का समावेश भी कर सकते हैं तत्पश्चात इसे गूगल कक्षा में अपलोड करें।

चित्रात्मक कहानी (graphic story) का एक उदाहरण:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IpICcuonOCmILr9ANQWRPbHUzaFJHoX9/view?usp=sharing>

### Activity-3

#### **Math and Art - Lifeline to true freedom**

Rabindranath Tagore, a moulder of independent India's intellectual inheritance, strongly supported and encouraged the freedom of expression. Now that you have read the captivating story, feel free to express your thoughts by creating your own unique and innovative artwork. This will not only enhance your spatial reasoning skills but will also make you a Math wizard in the true sense as the English mathematician, G.H Hardy once said, "A mathematician, like a painter or a poet, is a maker of patterns".

- A. Choose a scene or a character from the story, The Parrot Tales that appealed to you the most.
- ❖ Use polygons, lines, curves, patterns and as many geometrical shapes as you wish for illustrating your chosen scene or character.
  - ❖ Explore and research the Alpana (Alpona) art form and incorporate its elements in your artwork. Is there any other art form that is drawn using geometrical shapes (triangles, lines etc.)? Feel free to use its components as well in your masterpiece.

Refer to the given link for Alpana art examples

[https://www.google.com/search?q=alpona+art+design+for+kids&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwi1uNjVs6XwAhXdzjgGHf9QCNsQ\\_AUoAXoECAEQAw&biw=1242&bih=568](https://www.google.com/search?q=alpona+art+design+for+kids&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwi1uNjVs6XwAhXdzjgGHf9QCNsQ_AUoAXoECAEQAw&biw=1242&bih=568)

or

- B. The story revolves around training and education of the parrot and for this purpose the king's nephew called in people from various fields, such as scholars, goldsmiths, musicians, pundits, scribes etc.
- ❖ Imagine that you were a part of the team that was invited to train the parrot. How would you teach a mathematical concept differently that you would like to coach the parrot? Ensure it is an enjoyable experience for the parrot. You may choose a concept from class VII or VIII.
  - ❖ Based on your selected concept, prepare a board game. Do not forget to mention the rules of the game clearly.

## Activity-4

### “Universe Through the Eyes of Rabindranath Tagore”

*“Akaash bhara surya taara  
Viswa bhara praan  
Tahaari Majhkhaane  
Ami Payechi Mor Sthan”*

(“The sky is filled with sun and stars. Life spreads in the entire Universe. I secure my place among them.”)

The Parrot’s Tale, a thought of Tagore, can be extended universally to all fields/ disciplines of education including Science. His childhood experience of sky-viewing and planetary configurations with his father at night, while holidaying at the Dalhousie Hills led him to write Vishwa Parichay (Introduction to the Universe) where he blended his literary prowess with scientific facts and figures to make them interesting for the readers.

#### **Task: To design a digital poster**

Imagine yourself along with your friend in the milky way galaxy taking a tour of the various planets. During the journey, you interact with the planets to find out more about their unique characteristics, such as the existence of life on Earth, spectacular rings of Saturn etc.

- ❖ Design a digital poster sharing your experiences and explorations about the tour through any of the multimedia platforms such as Google Slides, PowerPoint, Google Doc, Word Doc, Canva, Thinglink etc.

Refer to the links below:

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXTZJBjIOW&ab\\_channel=TomLademann](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXTZJBjIOW&ab_channel=TomLademann)  
(For Google Slides)
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnholbfcoM&ab\\_channel=KarinaAdcock](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnholbfcoM&ab_channel=KarinaAdcock)  
(For Powerpoint)
  - <https://www.edrawmax.com/poster/how-to-make-a-poster-on-google-docs/>  
(For Google Doc)
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEJ16Z0p3tl&ab\\_channel=LisaDoe](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEJ16Z0p3tl&ab_channel=LisaDoe)  
(For Word Doc)
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4pHCdLrzXw&ab\\_channel=Canva-Design Anything.Publish Anywhere](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4pHCdLrzXw&ab_channel=Canva-Design Anything.Publish Anywhere)  
(For Canva)
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaZZfECX4p0&ab\\_channel=TechnologyforTeachersandStudents](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iaZZfECX4p0&ab_channel=TechnologyforTeachersandStudents)  
(Thinglink)
- ❖ Give an interesting title to your poster.

- ❖ Now conduct a google meet session with your classmates (minimum 5) to discuss the features of the planets which you have explored during the tour (record the session and upload it in Science google classroom). You can use the digital poster to explain your points.

NOTE: Make groups with your friends and organise the Google meet session.

### Activity-5

**“I am no bird; and no net ensnares me: I am a free human being with an independent will.”**

In the ‘Parrot’s Tale’, you read about the parrot which was kept in a cramped cage where it was unable to stretch its wings and never knew the joy of flying or the happiness of freedom. Do you find any similarity between the parrot in the story and the Indians under colonial rule? The powerlessness of Indians to determine their own future without the consent of the British led to the national independence movement.

- Now imagine yourself as a doodler working in Google. You have been given the opportunity of creating a Google doodle on the occasion of Indian Independence Day. You can also design the Google logo using doodle art on an A4 sheet of paper.

or

- Design a Google doodle in order to show solidarity with people of Myanmar in their struggle to restore democracy in the country. You can also design the Google logo using doodle art on an A4 sheet of paper.

NOTE: A Google doodle is a special, temporary alteration of the logo on Google’s homepages intended to commemorate holidays, events, achievements, and notable historical figures of particular countries.

To learn more about how to make the Google doodle, click on the links given below:

- <https://youtu.be/cqW8XOI5iL4>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-OrSA6kaLM&ab\\_channel=PicCandle](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-OrSA6kaLM&ab_channel=PicCandle)

Some samples of Google doodle for your reference have been given below:



***“Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.” -Fredrick Douglas***

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n2PgyQqsZHTAL6eVCbcTBumxhGe92ytu/view?usp=sharing>

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