Worksheet: The Rattrap (Selma Lagerlöf)

IB · Class 12 · English · 3 questions · 12 marks

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Q1. Explain the central metaphor of the world as a rattrap in 'The Rattrap'. *[2 marks]*

Q2. What makes Edla Willmansson different from her father the ironmaster? Why is it HER kindness, not his, that transforms the peddler? *[4 marks]*

Q3. Trace the peddler's transformation from a cynic who sees the world as a rattrap to a man who returns stolen money and signs himself 'Captain von Stahle'. What does the story say about human goodness and the power of genuine kindness? *[6 marks]*