

# FOOTPRINTS WITHOUT FEET

## -H G Wells

CLASS X ENGLISH  
SUPPLEMENTARY READER  
MODULE 1/3

# ABOUT THE AUTHOR...

**H.G. Wells**, in full Herbert George Wells, (born September 21, 1866, Bromley, Kent, England—died August 13, 1946, London), was an English novelist, journalist, sociologist, and historian best known for such science fiction novels as *The Time Machine* and *The War of the Worlds* and such comic novels as *Tono-Bungay* and *The History of Mr. Polly*. With his first novel, *The Time Machine* (1895), which was immediately successful, he began a series of science fiction novels that revealed him as a writer of marked originality and an immense fecundity of ideas: *The Wonderful Visit* (1895), *The Island of Doctor Moreau* (1896), *The Invisible Man* (1897), *The War of the Worlds* (1898), *The First Men in the Moon* (1901), and *The Food of the Gods* (1904). He also wrote many short stories.



# Characters and the setting



Setting:

London

Iping, a village

Season/time : Winter , bitterly cold in London

# What is the story about?

- Can a man become invisible?
- This is the story of a scientist who discovers how to make himself invisible.
- Does he use or misuse his discovery?
- Let's find out!
- This story is a part of H G Well's famous novel 'The Invisible Man'

## *Footprints without feet!!*

- Two boys in a London street are shocked to see fresh muddy footprints of bare feet. However, they are unable to find who was making them.
- They follow it until the footprints become fainter and disappear leaving the boys in disbelief.
- These footprints are made by Griffin, a scientist, who had discovered how to make his body transparent. He had experimented it on himself. Although his body was transparent like glass now, it remained solid as glass.
- He was running away after burning his landlord's house in revenge. To save himself from being caught, he had taken off his clothes and shoes which made him invisible.



## *In a London store...*

- It was bitterly cold in London. Without clothes, it was difficult to move around the streets .
- He enters a shop/store to get warm.
- He uses clothes from the store to cover himself, eats cold meat and coffee and goes off to sleep
- Next morning, he is found by the shop assistants . To escape , he again takes off his clothes and becomes invisible.



## *Drury Lane, the centre of theatrical world*

- He enters a theatrical company to use the clothes and accessories to give himself cover, especially to his invisible face.
- He wears bandages on his face, dark glasses, A false nose and big bushy moustache and a hat.
- He callously attacks and also robs the shopkeeper and escapes by train to a quieter place, Iping.



*What qualities of Griffin are evident from this part of the story?*

He is a **brilliant scientist** .

He is a **model of science without humanity**.  
He is **revengeful**.

He is **selfish and greedy** as he steals money , clothes ;and is insensitive as he attacks the shopkeeper of the theatrical company.

He is **remorseless**.

He did not carefully consider the disadvantages of invisibility.





There is a [worksheet](#) for you!!

A 3D rendering of the words "Thank You!" in a blue, metallic, sans-serif font. The text is set against a dark, circular spotlight on a light-colored, reflective surface. The letters are thick and have a slight shadow underneath, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The background of the entire slide is a light-colored, textured surface that looks like wood or a similar material.