

## **LECTURE 10**

### **3-Youth and Age**

The title of the novella , The Old Man and The Sea suggest the critical thematic role that age plays in the story .The book's two characters Santiago and Manolin ,represent the old and the young ,and a beautiful harmony develops between them .What one lacks , the other provides ,Manolin for example ,has energy and enthusiasm ,he finds food and clothing for Santiago ,and encourages him despite his bad luck.

Santiago ,in turn ,has wisdom and experience ,he tells Manolin stories about baseball and teaches him to fish .Santiago's determination to be a good role model for Manolin is one of his main motivations in battling the marlin for three days ,he wants to show Manolin "What a man can do."

Santiago's age is also important to the novella ,because it has made him physically weak ,without this weakness ,his triumph would not be so meaningful to him .as Santiago says he " had seen many (fish )that weight more than a thousand pounds and had caught two of that size in his life ,but never alone. "and never as an old man.

Santiago finds strength in remembering his youth which is symbolized by the lions on the beach that he sees in his dreams.

#### **4-Friend ship**

The friend ship between Manolin and Santiago plays a critical part in Santiago's victory over the marlin .

Manolin provides physical support to Santiago in the village ,brining him food and clothing and helping him load his skiff .He also provides emotional support , encouraging Santiago throughout his unlucky journey ,When Manolin was present "They were freshening as when the breeze rises."And once he encounters the marlin ,Santiago refuses to accept defeat ,because he knows Manolin would be disappointed in him ,Santiago is characterized by his isolation ,his wife has died ,and he lives and fishes alone.

Even so ,he refuses to give in to death ,he refuses to give into loneliness , Santiago finds friends in other creatures , the flying fish are " his principle friends" and the marlin, through their shared struggle ,becomes " brother", he calls the stars his "distant friends" and thinks of the ocean as a woman he loves.

