

<p>MODIFIED MYSTERY POEM (Original by John Godfrey Saxe, 1816-1887)</p> <p>TEACHER READS TO CLASS:</p>	<p>It was six men of Indostan To learning much inclined, Who went to see the animal (Though all of them were blind), That each by observation Might satisfy his mind.</p>
<p>FOR TEAM 1:</p>	<p>The first approached the animal And happening to fall Against its broad and sturdy side, At once began to bawl: “God bless me! but the animal Is very like a wall!”</p>
<p>FOR TEAM 2:</p>	<p>The second, feeling of the tooth, Cried, “Ho! what have we here So very round and smooth and sharp? To me ‘tis mighty clear This wonder of an animal Is very like a spear!”</p>
<p>FOR TEAM 3:</p>	<p>The third approached the animal, And happened to take The squirming nose within his hands, Thus boldly up and spake: “I see,” quoth he, “the animal Is very like a snake!”</p>
<p>FOR TEAM 4:</p>	<p>The fourth reached out an eager hand, And felt about the knee. “What most this wondrous beast is like Is mighty plain,” quoth he; “‘Tis clear enough the animal Is very like a tree!”</p>
<p>FOR TEAM 5:</p>	<p>The fifth, who chanced to touch the ear, Said: “E’en the blindest man Can tell what this resembles most; Deny the fact who can, This marvel of an animal Is very like a fan!”</p>
<p>FOR TEAM 6:</p>	<p>The sixth no sooner had begun About the beast to grope, Than, seizing on the swinging tail That fell within his scope, “I see,” quoth he, “the animal Is very like a rope!”</p>
<p>TEACHER READS TO CLASS:</p>	<p>And so these men of Indostan Disputed loud and long. Each in his own opinion Exceeding stiff and strong, Though each was partly in the right, And all were in the wrong!</p>

THE BLIND MEN AND THE ELEPHANT
Original Poem. minus last stanza
by John Godfrey Saxe

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