

## 1.8.-Final and Summary Activities

1. Read this tale carefully. What is it trying to tell us? Do you think that human life can be limited to this? Why? Establish an imaginative relation with G. Klimt painting. What does it mean? What does it mean to you?

"A young king of ancient Persia ascended the throne full of great wishes. Willing to learn, he summoned the wise men of the Court and asked them to write a summary of the history of humanity. This took them thirty years. Once they had finished it, they loaded their five hundred volumes onto twelve camels and went to the palace. But the king, who was already in his fifties, said: "I won't live for long, I will die before having read it. Write a shorter version". The wise men started to work again. Ten years later, they brought the summary to the palace. This time they only needed three camels to carry the volumes. But the king, who was already in his sixties, did not feel like reading so many pages and asked them to write a shorter version. This new version took them ten years, and they needed just one camel to carry it. However, during this time, the king's sight had been getting worse, so he needed something even shorter. After five years of work, the wise men reduced the work to one volume. However, by then the king was ill in bed. He told them sadly "Am I going to end my life without having learned the history of humanity?" The eldest wise man leaned towards the headboard and whispered "Majesty, the history of humanity could be summarised in three words: Humans are born, suffer and die". Then the king nodded and died. PERSIAN TALE.



G. KLIMT, 1905, *The Three Ages of Women*, National Gallery of Modern Art, Rome

2. Motivation survey. Quickly look at the Maslow pyramid. We suggest you do some research on the concept of happiness that the people you know have and decide where on the pyramid they are. It's simple; you just have to ask them what happiness is for them. They should explain their definition to you, and then you have to position them on one of the steps of the pyramid. You can do it this way:

1. Question: "What is happiness? Explain it."
2. Ask this question to (approx.) 10 people: relatives, friends, acquaintances.
3. Position each answer on one of the steps of the pyramid.
4. Show the results using graphics.
5. Conclusions.

