

The Westleigh School - Summer Reading Project

CHALLENGE 1: WRITER'S CORNER!

Write an alternative ending to the novel.

How did the novel end? Did the story have a happy ending or were there some questions left unanswered? Write an ending that puts a totally different spin on the original!

Write an interview with the author.

Your chance to get into the mind of the author! Think about what questions you would like to ask the author. This could be about the ideas in the novel, the characters, the setting and what might happen next. Then think about how they may have answered them.

Write a book review.

Tell all! Include: a synopsis of the story; what the characters are like; what was your favourite part; what was your least favourite part and a star rating out of 5.

Write a newspaper article reporting one of the events in the novel.

What part of the book has really stuck in your mind? Choose an event in the novel that really sticks out to you. It could be an exciting, tragic, happy or sad event. Imagine you're a reporter at the scene and report the event as it happens.



CHALLENGE 2: ARTIST'S NOOK!

Create a 3D model.

You can choose either to create a character from the novel or a scene to bring to life.

Design a movie poster.

Think about your presentation. What images, colours and fonts will you use to grab the audience's attention to go and see this new film? Don't forget to say which actors will be playing the roles of your favourite characters and an all-important slogan to stick in the audience's mind!

Design an alternative book cover.

Here's your chance to put your creative spin on the original design! Can you capture what the book is about through the images and colours you use?

Create a comic strip.

You can either tell the whole story or choose one of your favourite parts of the book. You can include little speech bubbles if you want!



CHALLENGE 3: TECH SAVVY!

Create a blog.

Tell all! Create a blog describing your thoughts and feelings about the book after each time you read a section. You could include: what you have enjoyed and why; your thoughts on the characters; what you think will happen next.

Write a character exposé.

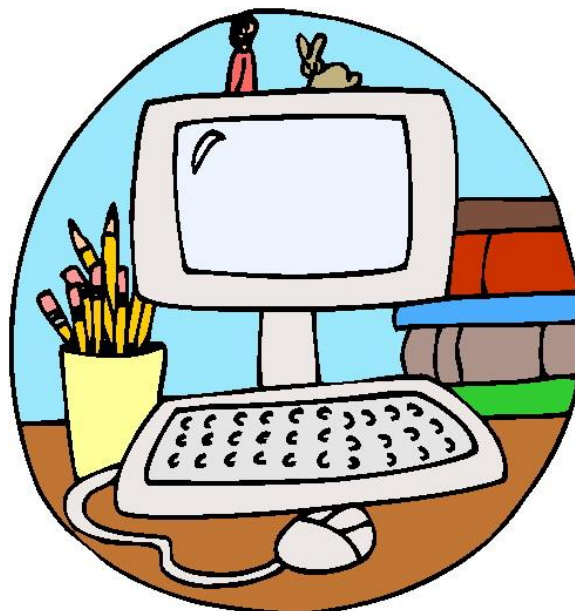
Which character did you find most interesting? Create a character expose. Choose one of the characters and write an expose for a celebrity magazine giving information to the readers about every little detail about that character. Think about what they are like and the things they have done in the novel. You can write it as an interview if you want.

Design a Wordle.

Using your tech savvy skills, create a word cloud on wordle.net. Use key words from the novel as well as words that describe how you felt about what you have read.

Compose an e-mail to the author.

Write an e-mail to the author explaining what you thought about the book. You may wish to include your first impressions of what you thought the book was about, what you actually enjoyed reading and if you think any areas could be improved.



CHALLENGE 4: PERFORMANCE ART!

Compose a song or rap.

Was there anything you wanted to sing about in the novel? Express your thoughts and feelings about the whole book, a certain part or even a specific character through your own original lyrics!

Write a monologue.

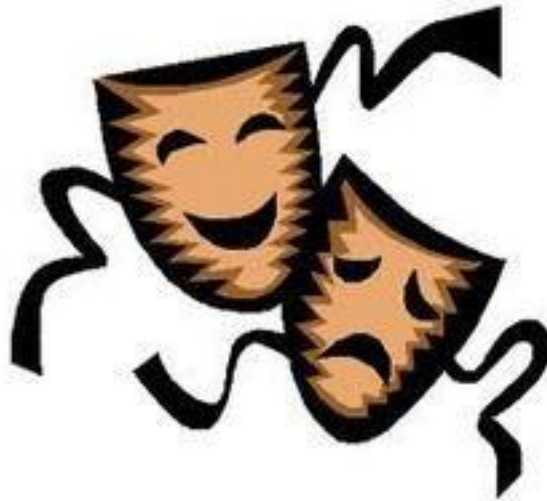
Which character did you connect with? Write a speech from their point of view exploring the character's thoughts and feelings. You could base the speech on a specific event or you may want to write it from the point of view of the character at the end of the book.

Create a costume.

Think about how your character may dress. Think about the time period the book was set in, the character's wealth and their personality. Raid your wardrobes and put together a costume to dress up as your character! Take a photo of yourself, stick it to a piece of paper and label why you have chosen those items of clothing. Alternatively, if you would prefer to draw, you could design your costume on paper.

Write a script.

Choose your favourite part of the novel. Convert the narrative to a script format. You can use the speech from the text to help you, but you have to add more speech to make your scene more interesting. Don't forget to include stage directions to describe the scenery and instruct the actors how to act.



Your name: _____

1. **Using the reading list, choose 3 books to read.**
2. **Out of the three books, choose your favourite and complete four different tasks from the four challenges. Feel free to mix and match across the challenges!**
3. **Those of you who complete the challenge successfully and hand it over to your new English teacher at Westleigh will receive a certificate and be in with the chance to win a prize!**

If you don't have any of these books available at home, why not take a trip to the library?

The three books I have read are:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

The book I have chosen is: _____

This was my favourite because: _____

Adventure/Crime/Thriller

The Hidden Kingdom by Ian Beck
The Outlaw Varjak Paw by S.F.Said
Alex Ryder Series by Anthony Horowitz
Lion Boy by Zouzou Corder
The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
Alpha Force Series by Chris Ryan
Emil and the Detectives by E Kastner
The London Eye Mystery by S Dowd
The Young Bond series by C Higgins
The Baker Street Mysteries by T Piggott by Smith
The Ice Cream Con by Jimmy Docherty
Skateboard Power by Jonny Zucker
Dead Man Talking by Carol Hedges
Watcher by Lee Weatherly
Meltdown by Andy McNab
Invisible City by M G Harris
Gun Dog by Peter Lancett
The Enemy series by Charlie Higson
The Devil's Triangle by Mark Robson

Fantasy/Horror

How to Train your Dragon series by Cressida Cowell
Warrior cats by Erin Hunter
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken
Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror by Christ Priestley
The Bad Tuesdays by Benjamin Myers
Stravaganza: City of Masks by Mary Hoffman
Ink Heart Trilogy by Cornelia Funke
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony di Terlizzi & Holly Black
The Wind of Fire Trilogy by William Nicholson
Harry Potter Series by J K Rowling
Narnia Series by C S Lewis
The Edge Chronicles by Stewart & Riddell
The Doomspell Trilogy by C McNish
The Secret of Platform 13 by E Ibbotson
Monster Mission by E Ibbotson

Fantasy/Horror continued

Bridge to Terabithia by K Paterson
A Wrinkle in Time by M L'Engle
The Indian in the Cupboard by L Reid Banks
Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by R C O'Brien
Matilda by R Dahl
The Phantom Tollbooth by N Juster
Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan
Werewolf versus Dragon by The Beastly Boys
The Emerald Atlas: The Books of the Beginning by John Stephens
A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness
Strong Winds Trilogy by Julia Jones
Mortal Chaos by Matt Dickinson

Biography/Autobiography

Bob: No Ordinary Cat by James Bowen
Diary of Anne Frank
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr
Boy by R Dahl

Science Fiction

Ship Between the Worlds by J Golding
Earthfall by Mark Walden
George's Secret Key to the Universe by Lucy and Stephen Hawking
The Roar by Emma Clayton
Lorien Legacies series by Pittacus Love
Maze Runner by James Dashner

History/Current Affairs

Soldier Dog by Sam Angus
Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian
Roman Mysteries by Caroline Lawrence
Carrie's War by Nina Bawden
Jupiter Williams by SI Martin
The Boy in Striped Pyjamas by J Boyne
Remembrance by T Breslin
Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
I am David by A Holm
The Silver Sword by I Serrailier
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips by M Morpurgo
Oranges in No Man's Land by E Laird

Different Cultures

The Garbage King by Elizabeth Laird
Ties that Bind, Ties that Break by L Namioka
Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
Haroun and the Sea of Stories by S Rushdie
The Girl Savage by Katherine Rundell

General

Charlie Merrick's Misfits by Dave Cousins
Apple and Rain by Sarah Crossan
A Boy Called Hope by Lara Williamson
I was a Rat by P Pullman
Next by Keith Gray
The Dragonfly Pool by E Ibbotson
The Princess Diaries by M Cabot
Ready or Not by M Cabot
Jinx by M Cabot
Noughts & Crosses by M Blackman
Pig Heart Boy by M Blackman
Thief by M Blackman
Diary of an (un)Teenager by Pete Johnson
Madame Doubtfire by A Fine
Mates, Dates and Sole Survivors by C Hopkins
Saffy's Angels by H Mckay
Caddy Ever After by H Mckay
Vicky Angel by J Wilson
The Story of Tracey Beaker by J Wilson
Little Darlings by J Wilson
Stig of the Dump by C King
Lost Riders by E Laird
Sundae Girl by Cathy Cassidy
Big Numbers by M Morrison
Big Questions by M Morrison
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by J Blume
The Truth about Leo by D Yelland
Charlotte's Web by E B White
Sideways Stories from Wayside School by L Sachar
My Name is Mina by David Almond
Small Change for Stuart by Lissa Evans
Midnight Zoo by Sonya Hartnett
Dear Dylan by Siobhan Curham
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
Six Words and a Wish by Karen McCombie

Classics

The Railway Children by E Nesbit
The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit
The Midnight Folk by J Masfield
The Wizard of Oz by F L Baum
Jungle Book by R Kipling
What Katy Did by Susan Coolidge
Anne of Green Gables by L.M.Montgomery