

Wester Hailes – English Department
S1 Home Learning Materials

Week beginning 1 February 2020

Please complete the tasks on paper/computer/tablet over the course of the next 2 school weeks.

e-mail a picture to your teacher when you are finished for marking:

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Holes by Louis Sachar

We are going to work on writing an essay on “Holes”. As we have not finished reading the book we are going to watch the film.

Activity 1 (due date February 3rd)

Watch the film “Holes”. You can access the film by going to clickview.co.uk, then click the “Sign in” button. To sign in you need to use your school email address and password. Once you have signed in, search for the film “Holes” and watch it. Whilst you watch the film pay attention to how the character of Stanley changes throughout the story.

Activity 2 (due date February 5th)

Holes Essay Planning Sheet

In each of the boxes below, fill in what you can remember about how Stanley changed throughout the film.

Stanley before camp:

Describe the character of Stanley at the start of the novel. You may want to mention his weight, his luck and his attitude towards things.

Stanley when he first got to camp:

Explain what Stanley is like when he first arrives at camp. Think about how the boys treat him and how he copes digging his first hole.

Stanley when he has been at camp for a while:

Describe Stanley after he has been at camp for a while. What is different about him? Think about his nickname, where he fits into the line and how he copes digging the holes etc.

Stanley when he climbs big thumb:

Explain how we see that Stanley has changed a lot as he climbs God's Thumb with Zero on his back. What does this show us about Stanley?

Activity 3 (due date February 19th)

Holes Mild Essay

Below, you have the structure of 4 essay paragraphs. The point, evidence and link has been done for you. All you need to do, is explain what the quote tells you about Stanley.

Paragraph One:

In this paragraph I am going to talk about Stanley at the start of the book. At the start of the book, we are told that, 'Stanley weighed 3 times as much as the other boy'. This quote tells me

that_____

_____. In this section, I have

talked about Stanley at the start of the book.

Paragraph Two:

In this paragraph I am going to talk about Stanley when he first gets to camp. Stanley found digging the first hole really hard. A quote that proves this is 'his arms were too weak to lift his body' This quote tells me

that_____

_____. In this section, I have

talked about Stanley at the start of the book.

Paragraph Three:

Now I am going to talk about Stanley when he has been at Camp Green Lake for a while. Stanley starts to get better at digging holes and gets much stronger. A quote that tells me this is 'he was a lot stronger than he was when he

arrived'_____

_____. In this section, I have

talked about Stanley at the start of the book.

Paragraph Four:

Lastly, I am going to talk about what Stanley is like by the end of the book. At the end of the book, he is very strong, and the curse has been broken. I know this because when he has to climb the mountain and carry Zero it says, 'He wouldn't have been able to do that months ago'. This show me that

_____ . In this paragraph I have talked about what Stanley was like at the end of the book.