

Moonrise Book Review

Learning Intention:

- I can give a personal response to a text.
- I can discuss the effectiveness of structure, characterisation and/or setting with reference to the book.
- I can discuss the theme of the book and recognise how it may relate to other's experiences.

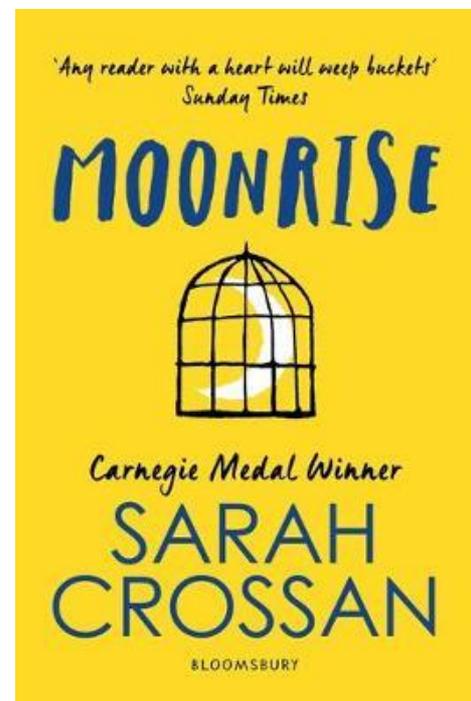
Reading outcomes:

I can:

- discuss and evaluate the effectiveness of structure, characterisation and/or setting using some supporting evidence.
 - identify how the writer's main theme or central concerns are revealed and can recognise how they relate to my own and others' experiences.
 - identify and make a personal evaluation of the effect of aspects of the writer's style and other features appropriate to genre using some relevant evidence and terminology. ENG 4-19a

Writing Outcomes:

I can persuade, argue, evaluate, explore issues or express and justify opinions within a convincing line of thought, using relevant supporting detail and/or evidence. LIT 4-29a



Revision of the Book

You are being asked to write a detailed book review for the class novel we read before Christmas "Moonrise".

First let's revise some key aspects of the novel you will need to know:

1. Who are the main characters? (You have been given the first letter of each to help you)

J

E

Aunt K

A (Sister)

2. What are the 2 main themes in the novel that we have studied? Use the pictures below to help jog your memory.



Theme 1: Br...

Theme 2: In...

3. What is unique about the way the book is written? How was the form different from other book you have read/studied in school?

What is a book review?

A good book review should:

- Include basic information like title, author publisher/may reference any prizes the book has won.
- Summarise the context and introduce the plot (for example by explaining the setting, the main characters and gist of the story) but it should not give away the ending.
- discuss some of the themes prevalent in the book.
- discuss things the reader liked or disliked about the book (this could be in relation to plot, pace, characters, style or quality of writing).
- Provide a recommendation of who may be interested in the book.

Task:

Read the below book review written about another Sarah Crossnan Book called "One". Complete the evaluation tasks below:

<https://www.theguardian.com/childrens-books-site/2015/sep/14/one-sarah-crossan-review>

- Write down which aspects of a good book review the author has included.
- Write down one thing the reviewer could have included which would have made it a better review.

Instructions: Getting started with your book review

On the next page is a list of questions about your book. If you answer them carefully and in detail you can use your answers to form a detailed book review which gives your opinion of the book.

Answer in full sentences to form paragraphs under the following headings rather than numbering your answers or using bullet points.

You should aim to write around 500 words for your finished book review. (This will be good practice from next year as this is the minimum word count for National 5).

Plot

What happened in the story?
What was the story about?
What length of time did it cover? (this is the amount of time that passes during the course of the story, not how long it took you to read it)
Was what happened unusual? Ordinary?
What was the opening of the story like?
Exciting? Slow? Dramatic? Dull?
How did the events of the story follow on from each other?
What was the climax of the story? How did it end?



Characters and Setting

Who were the main characters?
What were they like?
Were they described in much detail?
Which did you find most interesting? Most sympathetic? (if you find a character sympathetic, you like them as you can understand their feelings. Perhaps the characters are relatable to real life in some way)
What kind of relationships and / or conflicts were there?
Did these characters change throughout the story?
Where and when is the novel set?

Comments on Style

Was the story written in the first or third person? ('I' or 'he / she')
How important was this to the story?
Was the setting described in detail?
Were feelings and attitudes described in depth?
Was it a good story? Why?
What was your favourite moment in the story? Why?
Were there any moments (or characters) that might have been improved?
If so, what changes would you make?

General

Do you think the writer had a particular reason for telling this story?
How did you feel during and after reading it?
Do you think you learned anything from the book about people? Ways of life?
How would you compare it to other books you've read?
What else do you think is important to say about it?
Would you recommend this book / read another by the same author?
Who would you recommend this book to and why? (You should think about the content of the book and who this would be suitable for in terms of age/interests and who is likely to relate to characters or events in the novel etc).

When you have completed your book review, you should check over your work to ensure the following:

- You have written in paragraphs
- You have used clear headings
- You have used accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation.

- You have used varied vocabulary.