

Reading

http://www.hayatschool.com/kuwait/articles/Holes_by_Louis_Sachar1.pdf

It is the last week of term and you are very close to the end of the book!

Activity 1

Your first task is to read the rest of the book and see what happens at the end!

Well done for persevering with the story and hopefully you have enjoyed it!

Activity 2

You are going to write a book review on Holes. Remember the key features of a book review. You need to give your own opinions and share some of the events in the story, but not the key events! Otherwise you will give too much away.

Here are some ideas of things you could include but don't be afraid to change things.

Start with a couple of sentences describing what the book is about

But without giving any spoilers or revealing plot twists! As a general rule, try to avoid writing in detail about anything that happens from about the middle of the book onwards. If the book is part of a series, it can be useful to mention this, and whether you think you'd need to have read other books in the series to enjoy this one.

Discuss what you particularly liked about the book

Focus on your thoughts and feelings about the story and the way it was told. You could try answering a couple of the following questions:

- Who was your favourite character, and why?
- Did the characters feel real to you?
- Did the story keep you guessing?
- What was your favourite part of the book, and why?
- Were certain types of scene written particularly well - for example sad scenes, tense scenes, mysterious ones...?
- Did the book make you laugh or cry?
- Did the story grip you and keep you turning the pages?

Mention anything you disliked about the book

Talk about why you think it didn't work for you. For example:

- Did you wish the ending hadn't been a cliffhanger because you found it frustrating?
- Did you find it difficult to care about a main character, and could you work out why?
- Was the story too scary for your liking, or did it focus on a theme you didn't find interesting?

Round up your review

Summarise some of your thoughts on the book by suggesting the type of reader you'd recommend the book to. For example: younger readers, older readers, fans of relationship drama/mystery stories/comedy. Are there any books or series you would compare it to?

You can give the book a rating, for example a mark out of five or ten, if you like!

Here are some websites you can visit for more help!

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/newsid_4690000/newsid_4693600/4693601.stm

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zgr2xnb/revision/1>

For extra support, here is a template you could use on the next page.

Please let your teachers know what your thoughts were on the book. We would love to read your reviews.

If you have the opportunity to watch Holes the film, then this would be a great time to do that. It is exciting to see the characters you have been reading about come to life!

