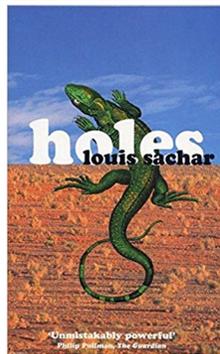


Knowledge Organiser- English: Holes

Important Information

Name of Book: Holes
Publication:
Author: Louis Sachar
Genre: mystery, crime fiction



Camp Green Lake

Text

Plot: Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather. Now Stanley been unjustly sent to a boys' detention centre, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realise there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake.

Themes: Fate and free will, justice and judgment, choices, friendship, morality

Setting: Camp Green Lake detention Centre- Texas

Main Characters: Stanley, Zero, Warden, Kate Barlow, Sam, Mr Pendanski

Explanation text

Purpose: to explain how something works or why something occurs.

Examples

-What were the events that led to the Battle of Hastings?
 -What causes a tsunami?
 -How does the Moon affect the tides?

Structure

-General statement to introduce the topic
 -In chronological order
 -Organised around a series of events

Language Features

-Present tense
 -Third person
 -Use temporal and causal conjunctions
 -Include diagrams to add information
 - Formal voice

Key word	Defintion	Explanation
auction	a public sale in which goods/property are sold to the highest bidder	
counsellor	a person trained to give guidance on personal or psychological problems	
descendants	a person that is descended from a particular ancestor	
desolate	uninhabited and giving an impression of bleak emptiness	
juvenile	for or relating to young people.	
miscarriage	an unsuccessful outcome of something planned	
shovel	a tool resembling a spade with a broad blade and typically upturned sides	
shrivelled	wither, as a result of loss of moisture	
barren	land too poor to produce vegetation/bleak, lifeless	
jurisdiction	the official power to make legal decisions and judgements	
perseverance	persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.	
legitimate	conforming to the law or to rules	

Quotes

"I'm not saying it's going to be easy. Nothing in life is easy. But that's no reason to give up. You'll be surprised what you can accomplish if you set your mind to it.

After all, you only have one life, so you should try to make the most of it."

Rattlesnakes would be a lot more dangerous if they didn't have the rattle."

You have only one life, make the most of it"

Quote