



Setting Up a Reading Programme!

(Lesson one of two)

WHY READ? Brainstorm Ideas

Here are a few ideas - discuss these and try to provoke reasonable argument. What else can your classes come up with?

POPULAR	IMPORTANT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good way to escape to different places (WHERE?). • Can be entertaining, thrilling, funny (WHAT ELSE?). • Interesting to learn about other people, places, times (WHAT ELSE?). • Cheaper than Playstation! • You can put a book down and do something else, but you'll miss a film! <p style="text-align: center;">WHAT ELSE?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading helps us to learn about different things (WHAT THINGS?). • Reading skills help our other English skills to develop (WHAT OTHER? WHY?). • Good readers tend to be better in other subjects (TRUE? FALSE? WHY?). • Reading Skills = Communication Skills which are essential today (WHY?). <p style="text-align: center;">WHAT ELSE?</p>

(Brainstorm Ideas & ask students to copy table into books)

Class Task: My Perfect Book

(Leading into an expressive writing and/or visual task)

Focus is to allow students to give feedback as to what they want from a book while also showing them different aspects of one.

- Brainstorm thoughts on what a student would like to be able to read in his or her book if they had to.
- Focus on bold and melodramatic ideas, situations and characters – comic book almost.
- Focus on adjectives to describe the following literary elements; explain each aspect of a book with class to ensure understanding.
- Try to build a picture of what might happen in the book's plot.

My Perfect Book!

TITLE: Death in The Sky!

PLOT: Plane crash over the Kalahari Desert! Sabotage is suspected. The survivors need to work together to stay alive but one of them is up to no good...

CHARACTERS:

Main: Kevin Angel. Strong, silent-type. Square jaw, sandy hair and deep, icy cold blue eyes. Built like a steel rock. Troubled childhood (hence the quiet nature!), got bullied when young and so therefore sticks up for the 'little man'!

Minor: Damion Darstardly. Sniveling, weasel-type coward. Greasy black hair that flops on his head. Eyes glint with mischief. Thin pencil moustache tries to hide (unsuccessfully) his bucked teeth! Enjoys causing trouble for no particular reason.

SETTING:

Main: Crowded plane flying high over the Kalahari Desert. Uncomfortable, sweaty, rundown passengers. Nerves frayed, ready to snap!

Minor: The Kalahari Desert (once the plane crashes!). Searing heat. Feet sizzle like water on a hotplate. Chaos all around!

MESSAGES (THEMES): Bullies are just misunderstood!? The consequences of opening things you aren't meant to...

STYLE (GENRE): Comedy/Thriller!



- Brainstorm ideas like these on the board with help from students. Direct ideas so that the kids' thoughts aren't too warped! Emphasise to students as you go the different aspects (character, setting, themes...) of this type of literature.
- Get students to either: improve on the brainstormed idea and adapt its elements into a short descriptive piece of imaginative expressive writing, or extend their imaginations and ask for a whole new idea for a book.

Shared reading of ideas upon completion but this activity can be extended as far or as short as you want (see visual examples).

THE GET BACK

BLURB!

Scarf and Muff came from Pluto about 5 years ago. 2 years ago they tried to take over earth, but they lost. So the earth people put them back into the space ship and flew them back up to Pluto. But after another 2 years they are back with a army of monsters and are determined to take over earth this time.

SETTING

This is that place where they live (Pluto) and earth in the background. The space ship called Flub is taking off going back to earth.



CHARACTERS

Scarf
Has a big head and a small body but he is very strong. He also has a spaceship that he is determined to take over earth and bring the planet to his orbit but green skin and blue spikes.

Muff
Is a little speaking but just gets into trouble and thinks he is cool. He is really little and has a body and no hair and he has small wings that make him look like a good friend.



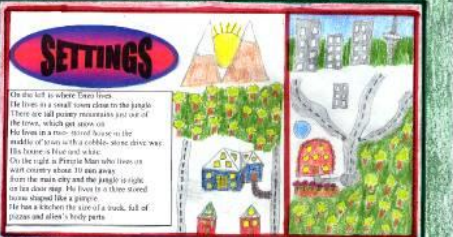
HERO VS HERO

Pimple Man and Enzo are very good friends. They both struggle to save the world. Pimple Man with his super powers and Enzo with his big muscles and good hearing. They both learn to trust in each other, like one time when Pimple Man was being tortured by some bad dudes. Enzo came in and saved the day by cutting him loose and catching the bad dudes. If Pimple Man had just given up, he could have died, but he trusted in Enzo to come and save him. They both face many troubles in this book. This book is full of adventure stories.

READ IT!!

SETTINGS

On the left is where Enzo lives. He lives in a small town close to the jungle. There are tall green mountains just out of the town, which are snow-capped. He lives in a tree-stem house in the middle of town with a table, some chairs, and his house is blue and white. On the right is Pimple Man who lives on an alien planet about 1000 miles away from the main city and the jungle is right on his door step. He lives in a three-story house shaped like a pyramid. He has a kitchen the size of a truck, full of pizza and alien's body parts.




CHARACTERS

On the top is Pimple Man, here are some facts about him:

- A face the size of a donkey
- 246 Pimples that pop comes popping out of
- Black eyes that laser beams can come out of
- Ears that breathe fire
- 36 carrot spikes on his head that could drill through New York city
- A nose 3 meters long

On the bottom is Enzo, here are some facts about him:

- 6 foot 8
- Toughest biceps in the world
- A nose that can smell things from 5km away
- Likes to help and save people
- Kind
- Big blue eyes
- Short pants
- Lightly tanned face



GOOD VS EVIL

SETTING
NEW YORK CITY THE BEERY

SUMMARY

Enzo is a superhero who has super powers. He has a big head and a small body but he is very strong. He also has a spaceship that he is determined to take over earth and bring the planet to his orbit but green skin and blue spikes. Enzo is a little speaking but just gets into trouble and thinks he is cool. He is really little and has a body and no hair and he has small wings that make him look like a good friend.

ARKANGEL

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BLACKRAJ

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