

Lesson 11

Read Chapters 17 to 23

Take notes on the different experiences of school that Michael and Mina have.


Skellig Chapter 23 The Great School Debate

Michael and Mina have very different ideas about school! How many points can you think of to describe what they each think about it?

Michael

School is...


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Mina

School is...

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Who do you agree with the most? Can you explain why?

Active Reading - All about Mina

Chapters 19-20

Think about what makes Mina extraordinary as we read. Chapter 19 – 20. Challenge Task

How would you describe Mina? In pairs, fill in the mind map below



Now find a quote to back up each description. (OR as many as you can!)

Question: Do you think Mina is happy being home-schooled? Why?
Answer using PEE

Chapters 13 - 23

Mina's Diary

Challenge Task

You are going to write a diary from Mina's point of view. Your diary will have two short extracts / entries giving details about Mina's feelings and opinions about what happens when she shows Michael Crow Road and when he takes her to see the man in the garage.

Challenge Task
Guidance

Extract One: April 23rd (Chapter 13)

This extract is about the time Mina took Michael to Crow Road.
Write one paragraph on each point, describing:

- what you said to Michael
- why you want the place to be kept a secret
- what the house looks like on the inside and the outside
- what the attic looks like
- what the owls do / look like
- why you wanted Michael to see the owls
- why you made Michael keep it a secret

Start your extract with the words:

I decided to take Michael to see the owls today.....

Extract Two: April 30th (chapters 20 and 21)

This diary entry is about the time Michael took Mina to see the garage and the man inside it.

You should describe:

- your first impressions of the garage
- why you were excited about sharing Michael's secret
- what the inside of the garage was like
- what you saw sitting in the corner
- what Michael had brought the man and what the man said to you and Michael
- how do you feel about the man and why do you want to help him?
- what is the plan for moving him

Start your extract with the words:

I had a fantastic but strange time today....

Read Ch24+25

Starter: Match the number to the correct letter.

1. In the beginning of the chapter
2. When they look for Skellig,
3. Eventually they discover him exhausted,
4. It is a promising sign that Skellig
5. Skellig wishes to move up "higher",
6. Once they have given Skellig some food,
7. Michael and Mina are amazed to discover



- a) lying halfway up the first floor staircase.
- b) that their new friend has the wings of an angel.
- c) they are unable to find their mysterious friend.
- d) and the two children help him up the stairs.
- e) Mina removes his jacket to make him comfortable.
- f) Michael and Mina enter the old building.
- g) was able to move without help from anyone.

Reading Chapters 25.

Re read the first paragraph of chapter 25 (below) in an angry tone. Then again in a soft tone. How should it be read - and how do you know?

Highlight the words and phrases that indicate how it should be read.

Skellig Chapter 25 (first paragraph)

The wires and tubes were in her again. The glass case was shut. She didn't move. She was wrapped in white. Her hair was fluffy, dead straight and dark. I wanted to touch it, and to touch her skin, feel it soft against my fingertips. Her little hands were clenched tight on either side of her head. We said nothing. I listened to the drone of the city outside, to the clatter of the hospital. I heard my own breathing, the scared quick breathing of my parents at my side. I heard them sniffing back their tears. I went on listening. I listened through all these noises, until I heard the baby, the gentle squeaking of her breath, tiny and distant as if it came from a different world. I closed my eyes and went on listening and listening. I listened deeper, until I believed I heard her beating heart. I told myself that if I listened hard enough her breathing and the beating of her heart would never be able to stop.

(Extension - next to the words and phrases listed write all the meanings.)

(Written task) What title would you give the piece of writing and why?

Read Chapters 26-30

Chapter 13

Add any additional information that you have found out in these chapters to your original drawing of Skellig.

Annotate as before.

What is different from your original drawing?

Lesson 14

Read 31-34: Dr Death

Focusing on chapter 32 draw a picture of Doctor Death - this must be surrounded by quotes taken from the book to support what has been drawn.



Written task - Explain how the writer uses language (words) and images (word pictures) to create a negative impression of Doctor Death.
Explain why the writer wants the reader to dislike Doctor Death

Extension- consider the techniques used by Almond to describe Dr Death. Can you use any of these to add to your description of the man pictured in the starter activity?