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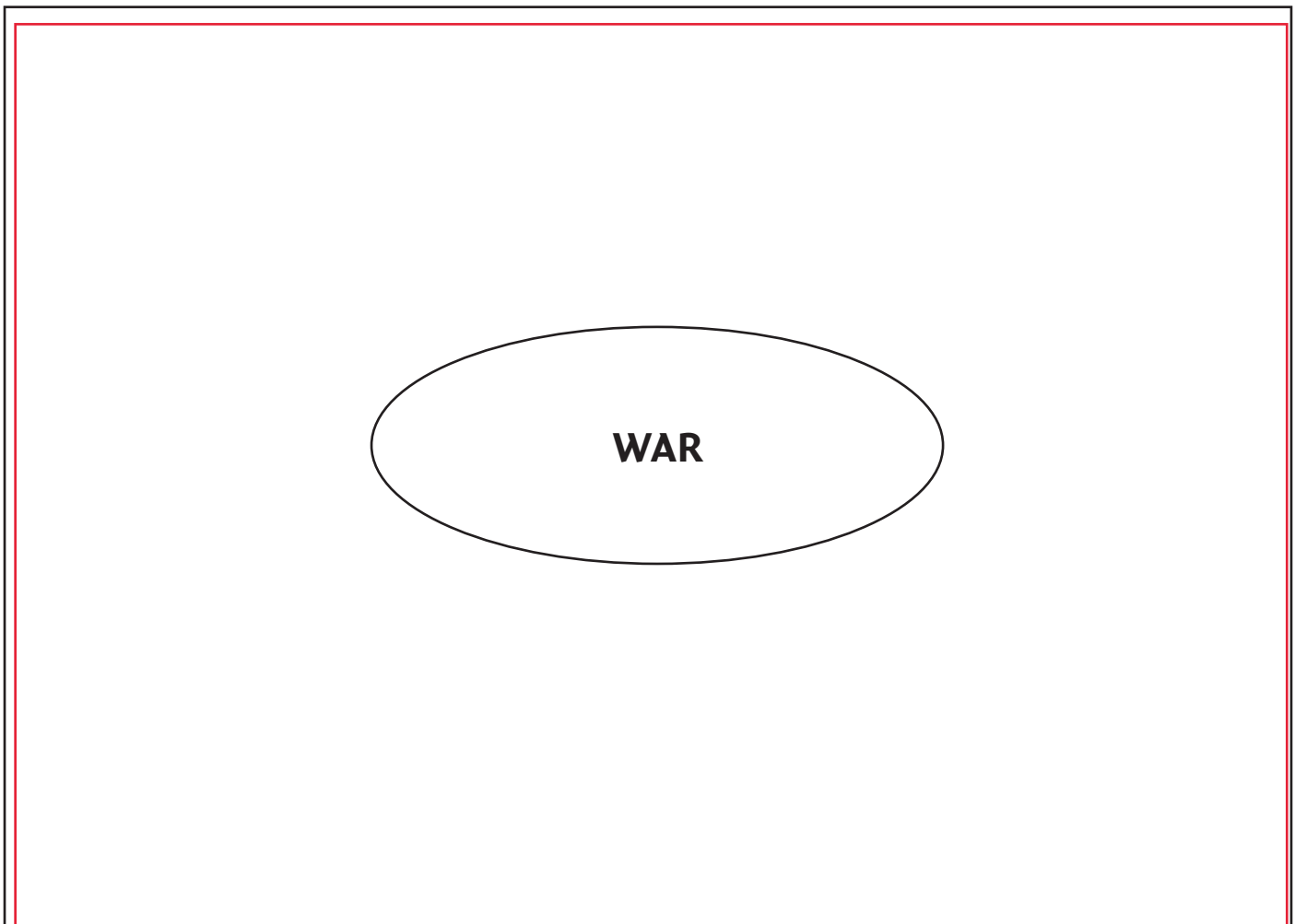
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K What I know already	W What I want to know	L What I have learned

Write what you already know about World War I in the K section of the K-W-L below.

Complete the Visual Verbal Square



## FIVE PAST TEN

### Section A

1. Which characters do we meet in this chapter?

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2. Look at the first paragraph. What do you think this means?

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3. From your reading of this passage do you think this is going to be a happy or sad book?

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4. Tommo tells us about his first day at school. Who was with him? Describe what happened that day.

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5. What kind of teacher is Mr.Munnings?

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6. What did Tommo see hanging on the fence?

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7. Why is Tommo not sorry for him?

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8. Charlie is a really good big brother to Tommo. True or False? Give examples to support your answer.

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9. How does Molly show kindness to Tommo?

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10. Describe the accident.

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11. Who is the Colonel? Is he a kind person?

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## Section B

Big Joe seems different. Give some examples of this.

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## **DESCRIPTIVE WRITING**

Tommo describes his first day at school. Can you remember your first day at secondary school? Write a paragraph about it. (What you did, who you met, how you felt, names of teachers...)

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## TWENTY TO ELEVEN

1. What trick did the boys play on Big Joe?

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2. What other evidence is there in this chapter to show us that Big Joe is different?

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3. What happened in the playground?

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4. What song does Big Joe sing?

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5. What happens when Charlie gets hit by the cane? Why do you think he does this?

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6. What news does the Colonel bring to the family?

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7. What choice does he give Tommo's mother?

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8. What decision is made?

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9. Describe Grandma Wolf.

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10. Why does Tommo say that Charlie always made things all right again?

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## NEARLY QUARTER PAST ELEVEN

1. What do Charlie and Tommo do to the mouse-traps set by Grandma Wolf?

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2. Why does Grandma Wolf like Molly?

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3. What presents did Big Joe get for his birthday?

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4. What cruel action by Grandma Wolf had Big Joe in tears?

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5. How did Molly react?

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6. What happened to Grandma Wolf?

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7. What problems did the family run into?

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8. How did Charlie decide to help?

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9. What happened to Molly? How did Charlie and Tommo feel about it?

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## DISCUSS:

In this book we see Grandma Wolf smack the children for misbehaving. What punishments are given to children nowadays?

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In your opinion, do they work?

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What suggestions do you have?

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**Create a family tree for the Peaceful family**



## TEN TO MIDNIGHT

1. How do the boys get caught poaching?

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2. What is their punishment?

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3. What do they find there?

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4. What changes do they notice in Molly? How do they make Tommo feel?

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5. What relationship develops?

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6. What sweets does the man in the aeroplane give them?

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7. Why does this mean a lot to these kids?

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8. What trouble has Charlie got himself into?

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9. Has he done the right thing?

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## Complete the Crossword

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### Across

1. Speaker in the book
3. Disliked character
5. Colonel's car
7. Name of teacher
8. Fell onto Dad

### Down

2. Animal that is in the room with Tommo
3. Oldest brother
4. Author's surname
6. Fruit that Big Joe sings about



## TWENTY FOUR MINUTES PAST TWELVE

1. How does Mother solve the problem about Bertha?

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2. Where did Charlie find another job?

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3. What is your impression of the Colonel so far?

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4. Why has Molly stopped visiting?

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5. How do Molly and Charlie communicate now?

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6. What job did Molly have to do every morning?

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7. What news was announced at this time?

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8. Where did Tommo go to work when he left school?

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9. What surprise was waiting for them one day when they came home?

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10. What secret is revealed about Tommo's feelings for Molly?

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11. What dramatic event happens?

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**Reflection: What have I learned about the characters so far?**

<b>Charlie</b>	
<b>Tommo</b>	
<b>Big Joe</b>	
<b>Mother</b>	
<b>Molly</b>	
<b>Colonel</b>	
<b>Setting</b> Place	
<b>Love</b> Who loves who? Examples	

## Diary Account

Imagine you are Molly. Write a diary account expressing your sorrow at the death of Bertha. Include the following:

- How Bertha died
- Everyone’s reaction
- Your anger at the Colonel

Dear Diary,

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## NEARLY FIVE TO ONE

1. After the funeral, what happened to Big Joe?

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2. List the places they searched for Big Joe.

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3. Why do you think everyone goes out to search for him? Why are they all so worried and affected?

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4. For how long was he missing?

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5. Where did they finally decide to check for Big Joe?

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6. Describe how Tommo felt as he was going up the stairs to the church.

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7. Summarise the last paragraph in this chapter.

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## TWENTY-EIGHT MINUTES PAST ONE

1. What was the name of the pub that Charlie and Tommo stopped off at?

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2. What news did Molly have for Charlie?

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3. What had her family said?

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4. What took place a short time later?

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5. How does Tommo feel about this change?

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6. We see soldiers marching and everyone greeting them. Describe what happens here. What impression do we get of people's feelings about the soldiers and the war?

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7. Describe how the soldiers are dressed. Why might this be?

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8. Who were 'the Hun'?

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9. The major uses very strong persuasive language to try and get everyone to think seriously about the war. Write out some of the words and phrases he uses to make an impact on the people.

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10. Who was first to step forward?

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11. Who prodded Tommo and what did she say?

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12. What is Charlie's reason for not going to war?

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13. How does Tommo feel about it?

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14. What does 'patriotic duty' mean?

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15. What news has the Colonel brought?

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16. Explain why Tommo has really decided to go.

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17. How long does he feel they have been at war?

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## FOURTEEN MINUTES PAST TWO

1. What is Tommo dreading?

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2. What is the tone or mood of this passage?

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3. Describe the first few days at war for the Peaceful boys in a brief diary account written by either Charlie or Tommo.

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4. List the names of the new characters we meet.

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5. Describe the journey on the ship.

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6. Complete the following sentences:

Tommo is punished for

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His punishment was \_\_\_\_\_

He felt \_\_\_\_\_

Suddenly Charlie \_\_\_\_\_

His punishment was \_\_\_\_\_

7. What do we learn about Charlie in this chapter?

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## Diary Account

Write Charlie's diary account of what happened.

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## A MINUTE PAST THREE

1. What do we see and hear?

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2. List the discomforts in the daily lives of the soldiers. Which are the worst?

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3. Who does Tommo see at the pub?

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4. There is a lot of tension in this chapter. How does the author paint these scenes for us?

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5. Do you think there is a lot of drama in this chapter? Give an example to justify your answer.

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6. What brave act does Charlie undertake?

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7. How is he rewarded?

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## Wordsearch

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V	W	V	Y	Z	C	J	T	R	D	E	D	H	O	S
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Q	W	O	D	D	U	B	O	H	R	L	N	K	T	M
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D	S	F	Y	V	V	K	F	R	N	Y	J	R	W	C

Private  
Peaceful  
Tommo  
Mother  
Charlie  
Wolf  
Molly

War  
World  
School  
Book  
Poverty  
Joe  
Bertha

## TWENTY-FIVE PAST THREE

### 1. Diary account

Imagine you are Tommo. Write a diary account of today's events.

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### 2. What delayed Charlie?

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### 3. Why is he happy?

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4. How does Tommo feel?

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5. Who is the new sergeant?

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## NEARLY FOUR O’CLOCK

1. Read “Dulce et Decorum Est” by Wilfred Owen.
2. How does the poet describe the scene when the gas comes? What do you see and hear?

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3. How do you think the soldiers felt?

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4. What effect does the gas have on Tommo?

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5. What has Sergeant Hanley taken away from the soldiers?

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6. What happened to Anna?

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## Complete the Word-search

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| Private    | Sergeant |
| Michael    | Agony    |
| Morpurgo   | Soldiers |
| Gas        | Promised |
| Brothers   | Blisters |
| Colonel    | Violent  |
| Staggering | Coward   |
| Prison     | Trial    |

## FIVE TO FIVE

1. What does the first passage tell us?

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2. How long does Tommo say Charlie has left to live?

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3. Where is Tommo?

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4. What is Charlie's plan? What is the sergeant's plan?

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5. What is the problem?

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6. What does Charlie decide to do?

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7. Do you think does Charlie know that he is in big trouble this time? Give three reasons to support your answer.

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8. What happens to Charlie?

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9. Describe their final meeting.

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10. Why does Charlie say they had decided he was guilty before he even sat down?

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11. What does he give Tommo?

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12. What news cheers Tommo up when he returns to camp?

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## ONE MINUTE TO SIX

1. What do we learn about Charlie in the last chapter?

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2. Did you like/dislike the ending of the book? Give reasons for your answer.

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**Summarise the main events of the story in six scenes**

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## Book Review:

Give the title of the book and the author's name

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Summary of book

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Name your favourite character and give reasons why he/she was your favourite

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Name your least favourite character and give reasons why he/she was your least favourite

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What I liked about this book:

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Would you recommend this book to a friend? Give reasons for your answer

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## KEYWORDS

Listen to your teacher reading out keywords from the Novel and write them down along with their definitions

