

Wednesday 13th May 2020

WALT infer from a text

Good morning Year 6. Have any of you been reading any comic books or graphic novels? We'd love to see some pictures from you on our Padlet page:

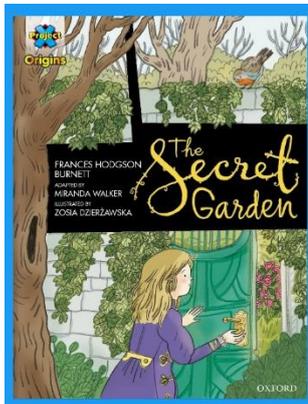
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Oxford Owl Instructions

1. Go to <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-school/default>
2. Log in using the details you put in last week.
3. Go to 'e-book library'.
4. Select books for 9-11 year olds.
5. Find the correct book.

This week, we are going to continue to read this e-book together: *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

This is the front cover:



Task 1

Today, you will be answering some inference questions about the text as a whole. What does 'infer from a text' mean? How do you know whether a question needs you to infer or whether you can retrieve the information straight from the text?



Inference Iggy will help you hunt for clues in a text about how someone might be feeling or why something is happening. (resource from *Twinkl.com*)

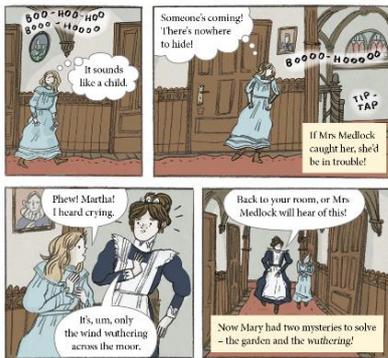
Answer these questions in your book. The questions will be split up into different chapters. You will answer questions about chapters 1- 2 today. Skim read each chapter before answering the questions to remind yourself of what happened in each.

Chapter 1

- What do you think her parents could have died from in India? Is there any evidence for this?
- Describe how Mary could be feeling when she arrives at the Manor. Use 3 adjectives.
- What ideas do we get of Mary's early life?
- What do you think Mary must have felt like waking up in England?
- Think of 2 other titles for this chapter.

Chapter 2

- What does the phrase 'exercise did her good' tell us about Mary?
- How is Mary different now to when she was surrounded by servants in India?
- Why does Mary lie to Mrs. Medlock about what she is doing on page 9?
- Why is Mary 'too excited to sleep'?
- Look at the extract below. Why has the author put some of the story in thought bubbles and some in speech bubbles? Explain your thinking. (*resource from Oxford Owl.com*)



Challenge

Imagine that Mary had been sent to live with her Uncle where **you** live. Describe how she would get there and what she would see on the way. Your writing could start like this....

Stepping down from the packed train carriage...

Answers

Chapter 1

- There isn't any evidence in the book that tells us how they died. Ideas could include they were in an accident or they died from disease.
- Nervous, angry, sad, distressed, uncertain, miserable. Anything similar to these feelings is correct.
- Looking at the text, we know that Mary is spoilt because she asked her Maid to dress her. This tells us she probably had lots of servants in her former life in India and that her parents were rich.
- She would probably feel anxious and lonely as she doesn't know anyone apart from Mrs. Medlock, who isn't very kind to her.
- This is up to you!

Chapter 2

- It means that the exercise was good for her physical and mental health. It suggests that she wasn't used to going outside before.
- Mary is becoming more adventurous and independent. We know this because she learnt how to dress herself and she is exploring the gardens by herself.
- She knows she is not supposed to be going near the secret garden so she's worried she will get into trouble.
- Mary is excited to find a way into the secret garden.
- The author does this to show when Mary is speaking aloud and when she is thinking. We are able to see what is happening in the story through her thought bubbles.

