



YEAR 4 - The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane - Kate DiCamillo
STORIES WITH A THEME (NARRATIVE)

Text overview

Plot: Edward Tulane is a china rabbit given to a ten-year-old girl named Abilene by her grandmother. He enjoys life with his young mistress, who treats him with the utmost love and respect, until he finds himself lost after an unfortunate incident while vacationing on the RMS Queen Mary at sea. His travels span the course of more than 30 years as he tries to find love and happiness again, even if it means having a life without his former owner.

Themes: Love, loss and hope

Characters: Edward Tulane, Abilene, Bryce Sarah, Ruth, Pellegrina

Setting

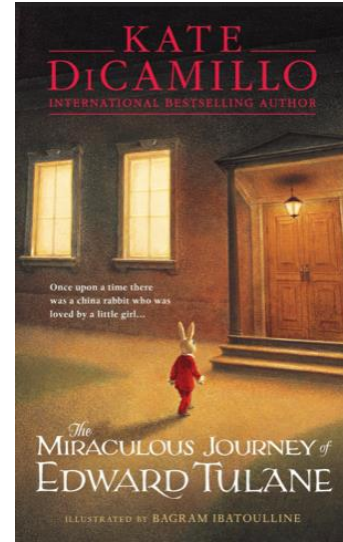
North America in the 20th Century (1930s-1940s)

Features of the genre

The strength of the story often depends on a character facing a difficult (or seemingly impossible) dilemma, with a limited choice of actions. A strong, simple story structure usually leads the character to the dilemma quite quickly and then makes the reader wait to find out how it is dealt with.

Context

You will be able to write a narrative reflecting the themes of love, loss and hope in this story.



Writing Objectives

You will write in role as a character, using the first person. Then, you will plan and write a longer story where the central character faces a problem that needs to be resolved. You will use a clear story structure. You will also select different ways to introduce and connect paragraphs, and develop settings using adjectives and figurative language to evoke time, place and mood. You will aim to include character descriptions designed to provoke sympathy or dislike in the reader.

Key Vocabulary

Spelling	Definition
ennui	a feeling of weariness and dissatisfaction; boredom.
jaunty	having a light manner; lively and confident.
custom	made to individual specifications;; custom-made clothing.
china	fine white or translucent ceramic material; also called porcelain.
indignity	treatment or circumstances that cause one to feel shame or to lose one's dignity.
diligence	careful and persistent work or effort.

Prior Knowledge

In Year 3, you explored moral dilemmas for characters using drama. You wrote a story with a problem and resolution that was organised into paragraphs using adverbs. You began using dialogue to move the plot on.