



YEAR 6 - The Giant's Necklace by Michael Morpurgo
Discussion

Important Information

Plot:

'The Giant's Necklace' tells a heart-breaking story about a girl named Cherry. Cherry, determined to finish her extremely long shell necklace, her 'giant's necklace,' stays on the beach to collect shells after her family go home. It is the last day of her holiday and she is eager to complete her project. Then the clouds grew dark and the waves grew large, and as the storm blew in, Cherry realized, to her horror, that she was cut off from the shore. From then on, events began to take a decidedly dark turn.

Themes:

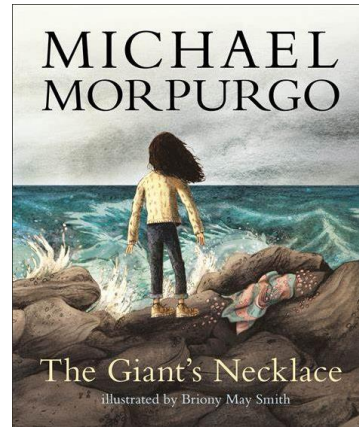
Determination, safety, death.

Setting

Cornwall, England

Characters

- Cherry, her Mum and Dad, 4 older brothers, the miner and his son (ghosts), coastguards.



Prior Knowledge

In Year 5, you explored texts and identified those which provide a balanced argument, by presenting both sides fairly. You were able to justify different viewpoints and provide evidence to support them. You structured your paragraphs carefully to signal different viewpoints, and wrote a conclusion which signalled your own perspective at the end. You began learning how to maintain a formal, impersonal tone, avoiding direct language, which you will now build upon.

Context

The purpose of discussion texts is to present a reasoned and balanced overview of an issue or controversial topic. Discussions contrast with persuasion texts, as these generally only develop one viewpoint and may present a biased view, often the writer's own.

Key Vocabulary

| Spelling | Definition |
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| cowrie shell | A small shell |
| white horses | a metaphor for crashing waves |
| cove | a small sheltered bay. |
| kittiwake | A type of seabird; a gentle looking, medium-sized gull with a small yellow bill and a dark eye |
| filly | an entrance to an underground mine |



Writing Objectives

You will be able to take part in a debate and write a formal discussion which presents and evaluates the opinions of multiple viewpoints.