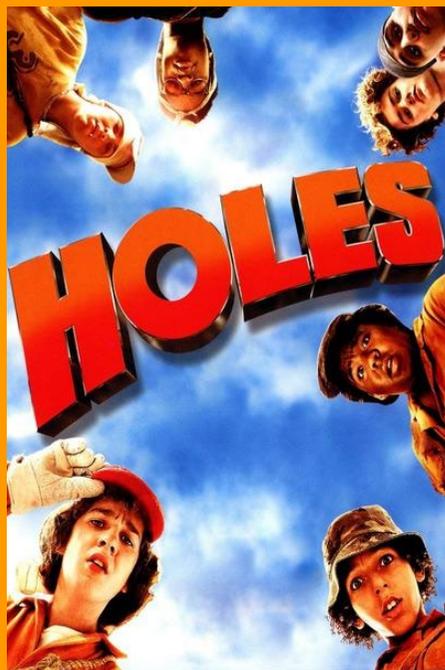


Year 7- Module 3 & 4

Holes
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Character List (In order of Appearance):

Stanley Yelnats: Is the 14 year old protagonist who is wrongfully imprisoned in a Texas labour camp.

Zero/ Hector Zeroni: He is the smallest member in group D

The Warden: Is the novel's villain who owns and runs Camp Green Lake. She is tall with red hair.

Miss Katherine/ Kissin' Kate Barlow: In the 1800's in the town of Green Lake, Miss Katherine was the town's school teacher.

Elya Yelnats: Stanley's 'no-good-pig-stealing-dirty-rotten-grandfather'

Madame Zeroni: From Latvia in the 1800's and was good friends with Elya Yelnats.

Sam: He is an African-American onion seller in Green Lake in the 1800's.

Mr. Sir: He is a middle manager at Camp Green Lake and is very grumpy.

Mr. Pendanski: He is the group D counsellor. The boys call him "mom"

Charles 'Trout' Walker: He was an eligible bachelor whose parents owned the lake in Green Lake.

Summary (Narratives):

Chapters 1 - 6:

Stanley Yelnats is driven to Camp Green Lake, a correctional facility for boys. We are told the story of how Stanley has ended up at Camp Green Lake and are introduced to the family "curse". We are introduced to Mr Sir, Mr Pendanski and the other boys.

Chapters 7 - 13:

The narrative changes to a flashback where we are introduced to Stanley's great-great-grandfather Elya Yelnats. Stanley begins to make friends with the boys in D Camp which is something he never had in school. He writes to his mother telling her she is having a great time.

Chapter 14-22:

The boys continue to dig and the Warden becomes more impatient. Stanley experiences a frightening encounter with the warden and Mr Sir.

Chapter 23-28:

This section begins with another flashback to Camp Greenlake 110 years earlier and a terrifying event which shakes the town. Meanwhile the other boys get frustrated at Zero and Stanley's friendship.

Chapter 29-34

The tension between the boys in group D escalates and Zigzag physically assaults Stanley. Zero intercedes and the Warden and Mr Pendanski mock Zero for being illiterate.

Settings (importance):

Camp Green Lake: Is a physical labour camp in the Texas desert.

1800's Latvia: Stanley's great-great grandfather was from Latvia in Eastern Europe and immigrated to the United States.

1800's Green Lake: Was a very racist town. It was flourishing economically in the 1800's.

Stanley's Home: This is where the story end.

Clyde Liningstone: Famous basketball player.

Zero's Mother: Has been separated from Zero for a while.

Stanley's Father: He is the third Stanley Yelnates. He is an unsuccessful inventor.

The Sheriff: He is a racist and powerful man in the Green Lake in the 1800's.

X-Ray: He is the leader of the boys in group D.

Zigzag: He's one of the boys in tent D and is the tallest.

Stanley's Mother: She insists that her family is not cursed and believed that Stanley would not be convicted if he just told the truth.

Myra Menke: She is Elya Yelnates muse in 1800 Latvia. She is pretty but not very bright.

Myra's Father: Wants to marry his daughter off when she turns 15. He doesn't care who she marries as long as he gets a fat pig.

Igor Barkov: 57 year old pig farmer in 1800's Latvia who wishes to marry Myra.

Sarah Miller: Elya Yelnates marries her

Chapter 35-42

Zero discovers 'sploosh' and Stanley helps Zero survive the desert weather. Zero confesses his crimes to Stanley and the boys bond over their gratitude over having met each other.

Chapter 43-49

Stanley and Zero are left to fight with nature for survival as the boys make a big discovery.

Chapter 50

Part 30 tells us what happens next in the lives of all of the boys.

	<p>shortly after immigrating to the United States.</p> <p>Ms Morengo: Stanley's lawyer.</p>		
Themes:	Key Vocabulary/Spelling:	Context:	Subject Terminology:
<p>Destiny</p> <p>Justice</p> <p>Atonement</p> <p>Friendship</p> <p>Man vs. nature</p> <p>Coming of Age</p> <p>Authority</p>	<p>Racism: prejudice, discrimination, or hatred directed against someone of a different race based on the belief that one's own race is superior.</p> <p>Segregation: the action or state of setting someone or something apart from others</p> <p>Descendants: all of the offspring of an ancestor</p> <p>Perseverance: Persistence in doing something.</p> <p>Desolate: Empty and unpleasant.</p> <p>Despicable: Very unpleasant or bad.</p> <p>Excavated: To remove an object by digging it out.</p> <p>Predatory: To survive by preying on other organisms</p> <p>Refuge: Protection or shelter from danger.</p> <p>Defiance: Bold resistance to an opposing</p>	<p>→ Sachar had experience of Texan summers and so used this as the setting for Camp Green lake.</p> <p>→Sachar worked as a school teacher and many of his characters are based on his experiences with students who had low self-esteem or were outsiders.</p> <p>→Published in 1998 but set in 1800s Latvia and Green Lake along with “present day” Camp Green Lake. The change in time is used to highlight the racism and prejudice faced by the characters.</p> <p>→Jim Crow Laws: laws in some parts of America where black people were segregated from white people.</p> <p>→The Rule of Law: Stanley is incarcerated unfairly while Trout gets away with his crime.</p>	<p>Symbolism: The use of an object to represent something</p> <p>Flashback: A scene from earlier in time than the main story.</p> <p>Frame Narrative: When a story takes place within a story.</p> <p>Palindrome: when a word is spelled the same forward and backwards.</p>

force or authority.

Contaminate: To make unclean or impure by contact.

Hallucinations: To seem to *see, smell, hear* or feel something that does not exist.

Incarcerated: To be put in jail.

Prejudice: preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience