

Reading task one - *Holes* by Louis Sachar

Read from 'There is no lake at Camp Green Lake' (Chapter 1) to 'Always' (Chapter 1) then answer the questions that follow.

1. List 4 things we learn about Camp Green Lake.
2. How does the writer use language in this extract to interest you as a reader?
3. How has the writer structured the extract to interest you as a reader?
4. A student said, 'Camp Green Lake sounds like a really unpleasant place.' To what extent do you agree?

Reading task two - *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

Read from 'Both men glanced up' (p.32, 1995 Minerva edition) to 'she hurried away' (p.33, 1995 Minerva edition) then answer the following questions.

1. List 4 things we learn about Curley's wife.
2. How does the writer use language to describe Curley's wife?
3. How has the writer structured the extract to interest you as a reader?
4. A critic said, 'Curley's wife is very self-absorbed and seems really provocative.' To what extent do you agree?

Writing task three

Choose one of the images below. You must write a short passage describing the mysterious setting. Think about descriptive language and the five senses.



Writing task four

Write a description inspired by **one** of the images below.



or

Write a story about a game that goes badly wrong.

or

Write a story that begins with the sentence:

‘This was going to be a terrible day, one of those days when it’s best to stay in bed because everything is going to turn out badly.’