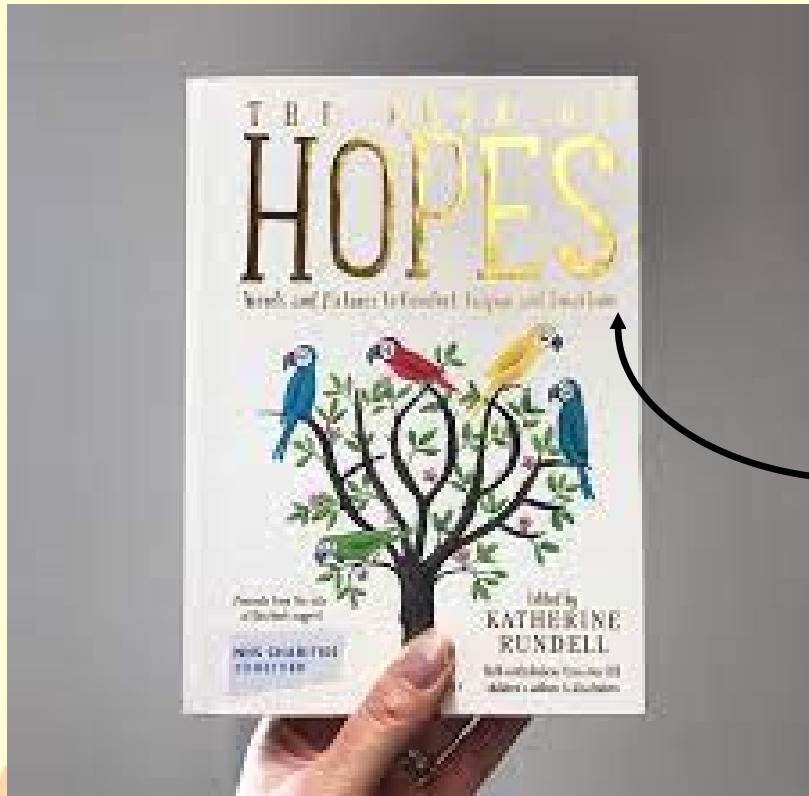


Thursday 22nd April 2021

Reading - Murkaster

LO: To infer character emotions from a text.

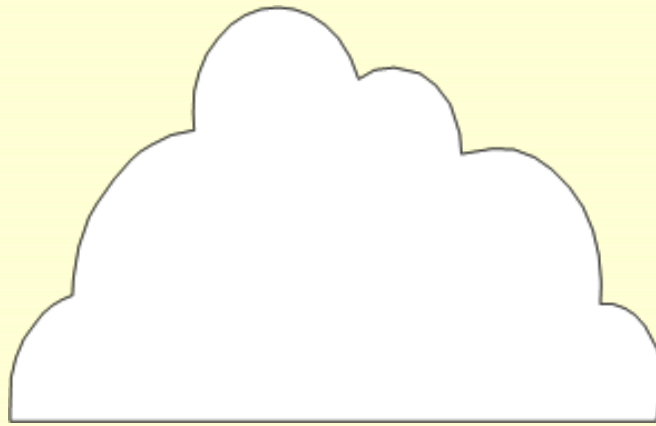


Murkaster - By Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

Taken from The Book of Hopes

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Does the weather effect your emotions?



Thinking together

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Read the text for the fourth time in your partners. Note down on whiteboards or highlight any section which tells you something about Sunny.

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If you were a Murkaster girl, like Sunny Hotspur for instance, you'd wear your hair in the Murkaster fashion – high and curly like your own personal cloud. You'd shop and chat using Murkaster's special app, which was called Gloom. You would not go out, not without a mask and snorkel, because inside a cloud

it's just one of those words that make you feel nice but don't actually mean anything." There were a lot of words like that in the Murkaster dialect. For instance, 'view'.

There was a painting on the dining room wall in the Hotspur house called Foggy Day. It showed a foggy day. There was another called Cumulostratus – which showed thick, grey clouds with streaks of golden yellow shining through the gaps. What were the streaks of yellow?

"It's the painter ran out of grey and had to use that different colour," said Mum.

How is the main character feeling? What kind of person is the main character?

How do we know? What words/phrases/actions has the author used to describe the character which make us think this? Highlight these in the text.

Sunny appears to be a curious young girl who feels like she does not know much about the world around her. We know this because she asks lots of questions.

Unconvinced, Sunny sat at her window, scanning the passing murk for a glimpse of yellow.

She never saw the streak of yellow.

But she did see an eye – a deep, dark eye, set in a wrinkle of murk, staring at her. “The murk,” reasoned Sunny, “has an eye. So it must have a head. If it has a head it must have a bottom. Which means the murk must have an end!”

We
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How is the main character feeling? What kind of person is the main character?

How do we know? What words/phrases/actions has the author used to describe the character which make us think this? Highlight these in the text.

Sunny is feeling frustrated as she is not satisfied with her mother's answer. We know this because the author has used the word 'unconvinced.' Sunny also appears to be a logical thinker as when she sees the eye appearing out of the murk, she reasons that the murk must have more of a body. She seems to be feeling excited at this moment because the author has written her dialogue in short abrupt sentences and has used exclamation marks. This means that she could be thinking quickly and even exclaiming her thoughts aloud which show she is excited.

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**You
Do**

Read through the rest of the text.

How is the main character feeling? What kind of person is the main character?

How do we know? What words/phrases/actions has the author used to describe the character which make us think this? Highlight these in the text.

Write your response on your whiteboard - don't forget to use evidence from the text in your answers.



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