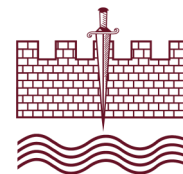


Half term 4

Heroes

Key Stage 3: Year 8

Knowledge Organiser



WHAT IS THE 'HEROES' TOPIC?

In this unit we will be looking at a range of unseen texts around the theme of 'heroes'.

Students will explore various kinds of heroes (modern day heroes, war heroes, activists, magical heroes, superheroes, tragic heroes) they might come across and begin to consider what being a hero means to them.

KEY CONTENT:

- Marcus Rashford as a 'modern day hero'
- 'I Am Malala' - Malala Yousafzai
- Lord of The Rings— J.R. R. Tolkien
- Harry Potter—J. K. Rowling
- Superheroes
- Macbeth as a tragic hero—Shakespeare
- 'The Hero' – Siegfried Sassoon
- James Bond—Ian Fleming

EXAM SKILLS:

- AO1: Read, understand and respond to texts using textual references. Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas.
- AO2: Use PEEL to analyse how the writers use language and structure techniques to achieve effects and influence readers
- AO3: Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written
- AO5: Respond creatively, effectively and imaginatively. Adapt tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences.

"I think a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people - Maya Angelou"

SUCCESS CRITERIA:

1. Identify techniques and analyse language, form and structure.
2. Understand and comment on the writer's intentions.
3. Understand and evaluate the reader's response.
4. Understand and evaluate the effects and significance of context (audience, social, historical, cultural).
5. Use techniques to produce creative responses.
6. Be able to explore a text independently and interpret and evaluate the ideas.
7. Use precise evidence to support ideas.
8. Analyse multiple meanings/interpretations where possible.

KEY TERMS:

Courageous: very brave

Valiant: showing courage and determination

Relentless: unceasingly intense

Indestructible: not able to be destroyed

Tremendous: very good

Optimistic: thinking positively about the future

Enthusiastic: very eager

Conqueror: someone who defeats all

Victor: a person who defeats an enemy of opponent

Amiable: having or displaying a friendly and pleasant manner

Intrepid: fearless; adventurous

QUALITIES OF A HERO:

- Sacrifice
- Determination
- Selfless
- Dedication
- Bravery/courage
- Perseverance
- Loyalty