



Lesson plan V1 overview

- Introduction: About #Merky Books and New Writers' Prize (slide 1- 7).
- Slide 8 - 12 provides a brief introduction to the tasks.

Slide 8 NB: if there are students who feel they want to write straightaway without tasks, perhaps it would be advisable to let them write freely. Then edit their writing instead of completing the following tasks. The lesson plan that follows is meant to inspire if students are not sure of content.

Slide 11 NB: complete as a class - what words do you associate with the themes of home and belonging? This task should take 5 mins.

We have provided 3 task options. Teachers can introduce options A, B and/or C as tasks with accompanying resources. The aim is to engage a variety of students studying different subjects:

- Main task Option A (slide 13): draw a map of your 'home' or somewhere you belong.

Task duration: 10-15 mins.

Note: the quality of the drawing is not being assessed – the task aims is to encourage students to create a visual image of their idea of home.

- Main task Option B (slide 16): create a social media profile for your protagonist, central character.

Task duration: 10-15 mins. Worksheet provided.

- Main task Option C (slide 18): draw your characters and tell their story, in brief, to start with.



Task duration: 10-15 mins. Worksheet provided.

NB: students can put their options in the captions section: could draw or write about characters, description of the location, sensory description of the environment, potential dialogue – use starter sentence or ignore as.

Slide 21 NB: 5 mins to correct and make any changes to own work. Need not submit this work but should be an introduction to the main themes and values supported by #Merky Books.

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