

ACTIVITIES FOR LITERACY ROTATIONS

Book Reflections



IMAGINE...

Visualisation Activities



Character Analysis



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Book Reflections

Respond to the following in your book or on your tablet.

Before I read the book...

I knew...

Brainstorm everything you knew about the story, themes, time period and setting before you read the book

I wondered...

What questions did you have about the story, themes, time period and setting before reading the book?

I was interested in this book because...

After I read the book...

Now...

I know...

Brainstorm everything you now know about the story, themes, time period and setting.

I wonder...

What questions do you now have about this story, the themes, time period and setting after you read the book?

What impact has this book had on you?

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PLOT TIMELINE

Reproduce the plot timeline in your book or on your tablet.

Add key events from the book and brief details from each event.

Start



End

Imagine.... Visualisation Activities

Illustrate or write about a birds eye view

...a bird's eye view

Imagine yourself flying in the sky and looking down at a scene from your book.

- Imagine looking at the land, the houses, buildings, landmarks, landscape, people and the setting. Visualise what you see.
- What are the rooftops made out of? What colours are the tops of the buildings/houses/structures? What does the landscape look like (think of the layout, colours, textures, the size of the structures and people, any landmarks)?
- What are the people doing?
- What else do you notice from this perspective?



Imagine.... Visualisation Activities

Visualise a character from a book you have read ten years from now.
Illustrate or write about this character.

**Ten
years
from
now**

Consider the following:

- What does the character **look like** ten years from now? Think about facial features, hair colour, hair style, style of clothing
- Describe or capture their **personality** ten years from now. Some examples could include: bold, adventurous, laid back, dramatic, compassionate, creative, grumpy, perfectionist, withdrawn, resentful.
- What **hobbies or interests** does the character have?
- Consider the character's **dreams and aspirations**. Have they fulfilled them?
- What **goals** has the character achieved? Which goals have not been achieved?
- What is their **job**?
- Are they **studying**?
- Is this character in a **relationship, married or single**?

Character Analysis – Plan a party for a character



Plan a party for one of the characters in a book you have read.
The party should reflect the tastes, likes and interests of the character.
Use the headings on the planner below to complete this task.

PLANNER

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS TO HELP YOU PLAN A PARTY FOR A BOOK CHARACTER

GUEST OF HONOUR AND REASON FOR CELEBRATION:

Type of celebration – surprise party, birthday celebration, celebrating a special occasion, fundraising party.

VENUE/ LOCATION:

Indoor, outdoor, significant place for the character.

THEME :

A theme based on the character's interests or to complement the nature of the celebration.

CAKE:

A cake which reflects the character's identity and complements the celebration.

MUSIC:

Music that the character could relate to – consider lyrics, style, artists and specific songs.

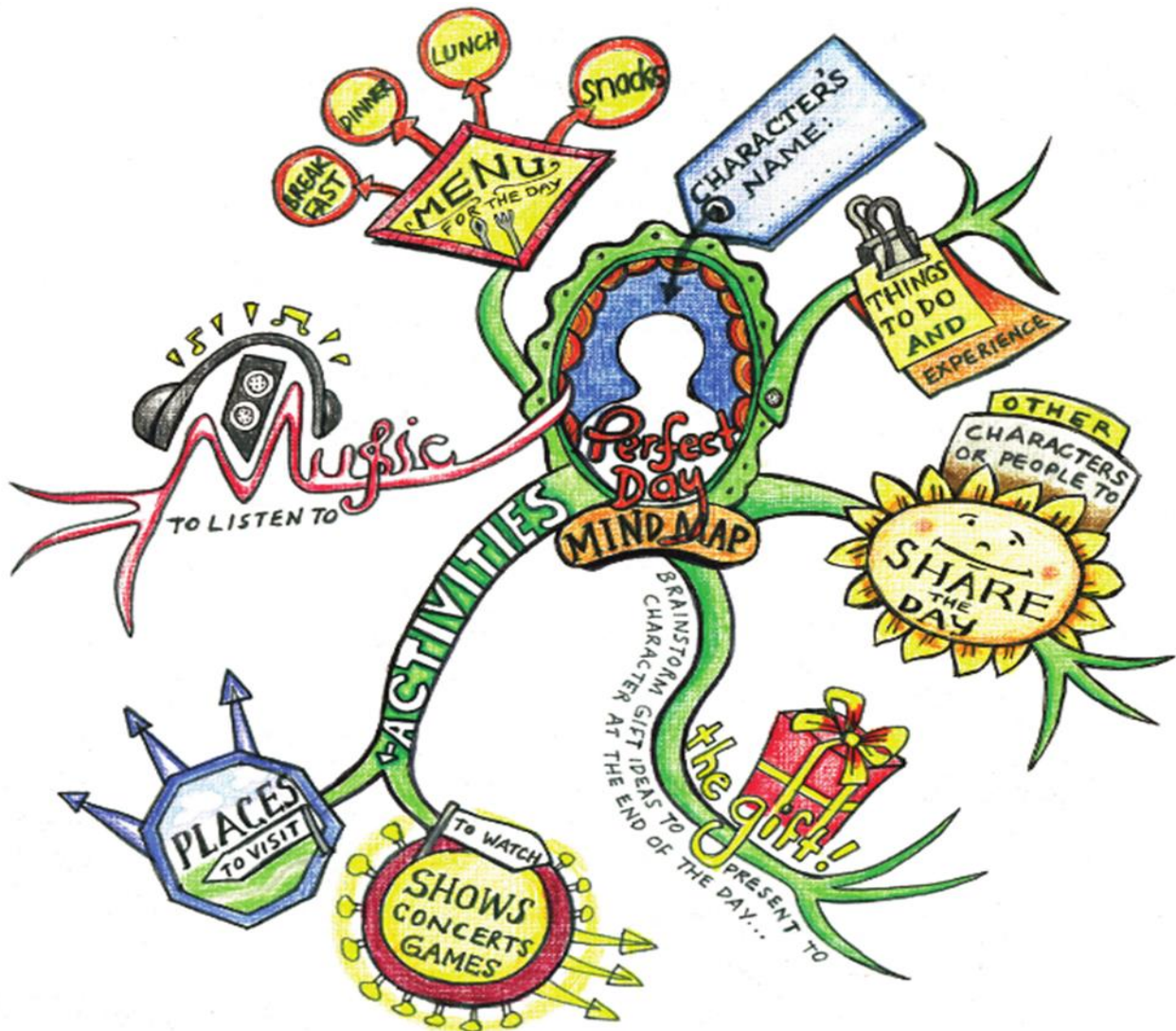
GIFT IDEAS:

Gift suggestions for the character.

Character Analysis – One Perfect Day.

Choose a character from a book you have read and plan an itinerary for a wonderful day out for the character. The day should suit the character's personality, interests and tastes. At the end of the day, imagine that you are going to present the character with a gift. What would you give and why?

Use a mind map to brainstorm and plan your ideas. You may need to tailor your mind map to suit your character and what you plan for their day



Spread The Word

Have you come across a fantastic book, new author, or series that is too good not to share? In small groups, discuss which books you are really enjoying at the moment.

Prepare an interesting and creative way to introduce your chosen book.
Some possible ideas include:



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Prepare an entertaining, informative and persuasive oral presentation where you convince the audience that your chosen book is one that they must read.

Use the concept wheel to plan your response.

The learning design
concept wheel



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Some suggestions for the PODCAST WALL OF FAME

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- Record interesting trivia heard on a podcast.
- Write to an author you listened to on a podcast and if they send a reply include it on the wall.
- Record any advice and tips about writing or illustrating that were mentioned on a podcast.