

THE DARE

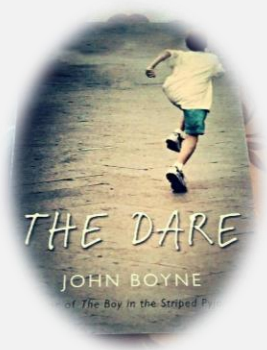
Mrs. Shannon

Summarising

Predictions

Informal
Letters

Diary
Writing



By John Boyne

Dialogue

Book
Covers

JUNIOR CYCLE ENGLISH

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Reflections

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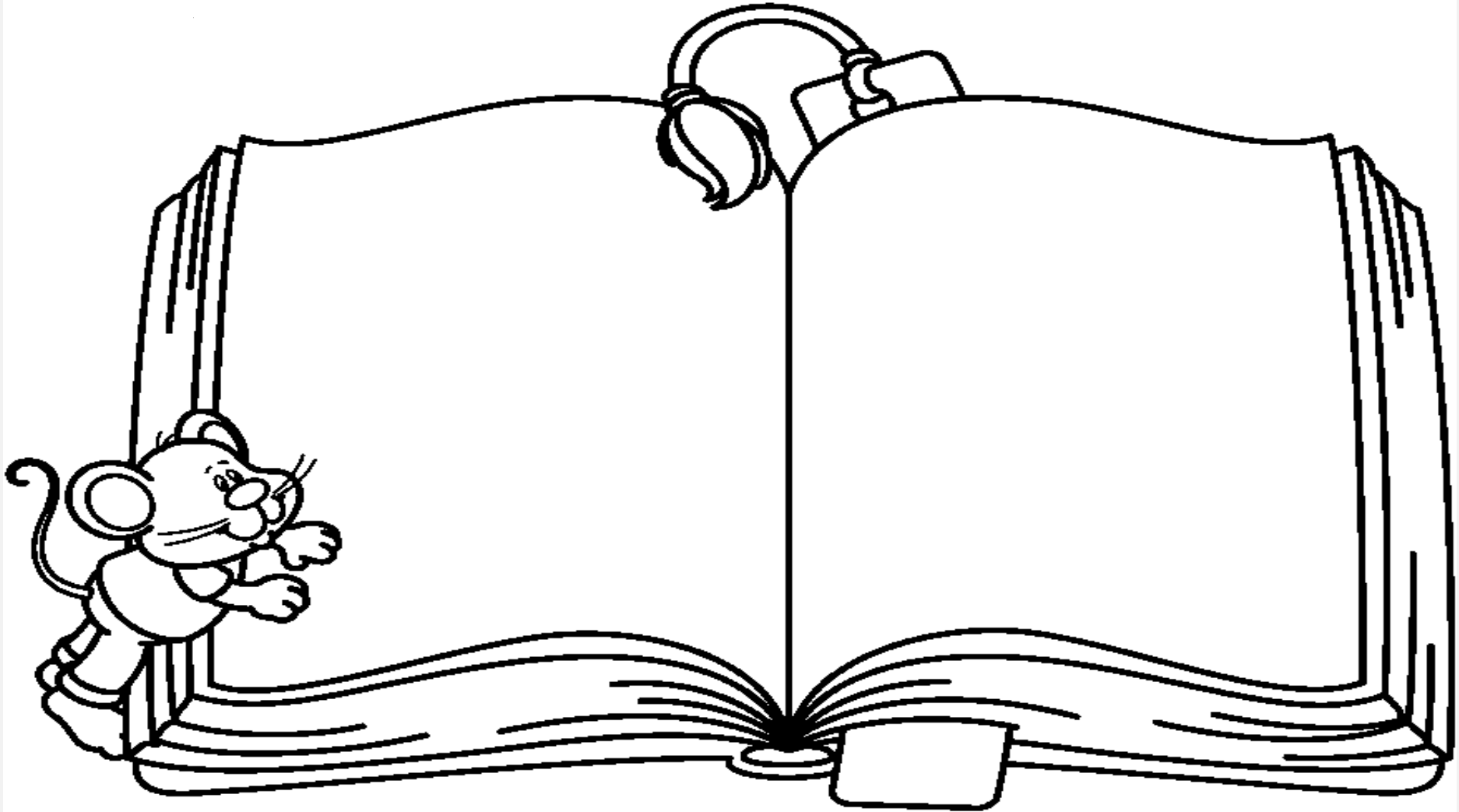
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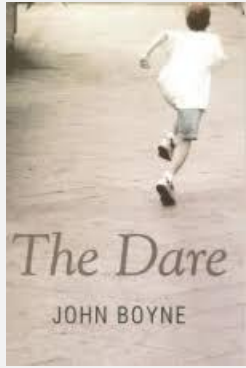
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My Learning Intentions:

- ✓ I will analyse a variety of book covers
- ✓ I will create a book cover for a novel of my choosing
- ✓ I will examine the themes and characters in this short story
- ✓ I will revise diary entry writing
- ✓ I will write a series of informal letters linked to key events in the novel
- ✓ I will take part in a number of oral activities and discussions

Please use this page for any notes or information you wish to write.





Key Skills:

Being Creative

Managing
Information
and thinking

Research Skills:

As part of your homework tonight, please use the website www.johnboyne.com. Write down key points based on your research about the author John Boyne.

Managing
Information
and Thinking

Communicating/
Working with
others

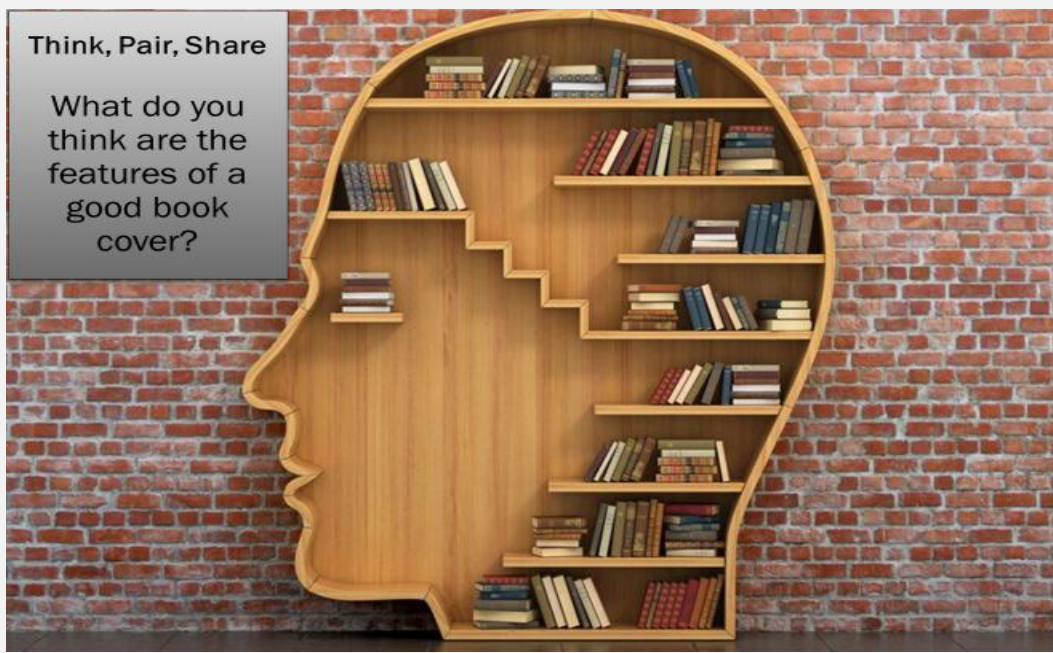
When you have this task completed, swap with a partner and examine their work. How did yours compare? What similarities and differences did you notice?

Oral Discussion: Name the most memorable book you have ever read. Why was it so enjoyable?

Book Covers (PowerPoint Slides)

Think, Pair, Share

What do you think are the features of a good book cover?



SO WHAT DID YOU COME UP WITH?

Book
Covers

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Any other features?

Study Guide

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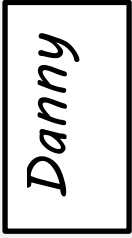
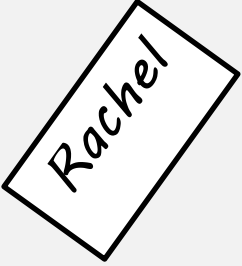

Feature	Main Purpose	Things to consider
Main illustration (picture) Colours	To attract attention of reader/buyer.	What does it show? Does it indicate what the book is about? What style of drawing is it? One colour tonality - different hues of the same colour to fit the tone/Bright vibrant colours Consistency is important if the book is part of a series - they should all follow the same colour scheme and pattern.
Title and Author's name Typography (fonts)	To inform about the book.	Typography is so important. What style of lettering is it? Where on the page is it placed? Top, middle, bottom?
Blurb (the writing on the back of the book)	To inform and persuade reader.	How much of the story does it tell? Does it make you want to buy the book and read on? Does it include questions?
Testimonials	To persuade	These are quotes from other writers or critics saying how good the book is. They can be on the front or back cover (or both!)
Spine (the part you see when the book is on the shelf)	To inform	Does it have the author's name and the title on it? Does it also include a picture? Is it clear?
Front flap (the inside bit of the dust jacket on hardbacks)	To inform	This often tells a bit more about the story. It may be a short opening passage, placed there so people want to read on.
Back flap (hardbacks only)	To inform	Here, you often find a photograph of the author and some brief biographical information.

Project Task:

YOU HAVE BEEN SHOWN HOW TO CREATE A BOOK COVER ONLINE. USING THE APP OR WEBSITE WWW.POSTERMYWALL.COM, YOU MUST CREATE A FRONT BOOK COVER FOR A NOVEL OF YOUR CHOICE. YOU MUST INCLUDE 5 FEATURES OF AN EFFECTIVE BOOK COVER.

Character Profiles

a) Create a cartoon sketch and profile for each character in the table below; include what we learn about each one over the course of the novel.

Cartoon Sketch	Character Name	Who are they?
		
		
		

	<p>Mrs. Delaney</p>	
	<p>Pete</p>	
	<p>Danny's Father</p>	
	<p>Sarah</p>	
	<p>Mr. Delaney</p>	

Which is your favourite character to date and why?

Managing
Information
and Thinking

Chapter
Questions

Managing
Myself

Chapter 1

- 1) When does the action commence?
- 2) Where did Luke's father take him to make up for leaving?
- 3) Who is Pete and where is he?
- 4) What did Danny find in Pete's room?
- 5) When did his father start getting worried?
- 6) Why did he not ring many of her friends?
- 7) Whose window was facing Danny's bedroom window?
- 8) What novel was Danny reading?
- 9) What did Danny's mother call her car?
- 10) How did Danny know something was wrong when his mother came home?

Oral Discussion: Interrogation

One student must come up before the class and pretend to be a character or the author

Answer questions from your classmates.

Chapter 2

1. What is Danny's mother's name?
2. Why is Mr. Delaney upset?
3. What does Danny think has happened?
4. What does he do with the policeman's helmet?
5. Why was Danny embarrassed?
6. Who was involved in the accident & how did it happen?
7. How did Danny's mother feel?
8. Where is the boy now?
9. What did Danny think about when he went to bed?

Homework Task 1

*Prediction Activity:
Anticipating what will happen. As we read each chapter we often wonder about what will happen. After reading this chapter make a list of some of the things you wonder about.*

I wonder if	What happened?

Chapter 3

1. Why did Danny's mam stay in bed the next morning?
2. What did she do when she saw Danny?
3. What did Danny do in the garden?
4. Why did Mrs. Kennedy ask him to go around to her house for dinner?
5. Who else was having dinner there?
6. Who was making the dinner?
7. Why was Luke angry?
8. Why do you think Danny didn't feel hungry?

Homework Task 2

Written Task
based on
chapters 1-3

Imagine that you are Danny. Write about what has just happened to you and your family.

HOW TO WRITE THE ENTRY

- Date your diary
- Begin with 'Dear Diary'
- You are Danny, write about how you:
 - Feel
 - About what has happened
 - Your fears or worries for the future
 - What you see / smell / touch

CHAPTER REMINDER

Chapter 1:

- Danny has been out playing football with Luke. It is the start of the school summer holidays.
- Returns home - expects to find his Mam. Dad returns home. We learn that Pete, his older brother, is at University. Danny's Mam returns home late accompanied by two police officers.

Chapter 2:

- Danny tries to listen to the conversation between his Dad and the police officers.
- After the police leave his Dad explains there has been an accident. Danny's Mam hit a boy with her car.

Chapter 3:

- Danny stays out all day trying to give his Mam some space
- In the evening, he is sent to his neighbour's house, Mrs Kennedy (Luke's Mam).
- Danny meets Mr Benson, Mrs Kennedy's boyfriend.
- Danny stays at Luke's house for dinner.

Chapter 4

1. Why does Danny have to spend the night in the Kennedys' home?
2. Does Danny speak to his mother on the phone?
3. What does Luke say about Mr. Benson?
4. What does Luke say happened in the accident?
5. How does Danny react?
6. According to Luke, who said that was what happened?
7. How is the boy now?
8. What did Danny whisper?

Homework Task 3

Dialogue

Write the conversation that might take place between Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Benson that night.

Chapter 5

1. What does Danny's father say about Luke's comments?
2. Where did the accident happen?
3. What is the boy's name?
4. Who has been watching Danny?
5. Where does Danny go next?
6. What does he see and hear?
7. What have the parents been doing?
8. How does Andy's mother feel?
9. Who was waiting in Danny's street when he got home?
10. Why did Danny think they were like secret agents?

Homework Task 4

Interview Task: You have been asked to carry out an interview with the author John Boyne. Write down ten questions you would like to ask Mr. Boyne based on your reading of the novel to date.

Chapter 6

1. Where did Danny and Sarah arrange to meet?
2. Why was Danny surprised?
3. Why was Sarah's mother angry?
4. Why did Sarah come to Danny's house?
5. Whom did Sarah blame for the accident?
6. Whom did they see walking along the path towards them?
7. What did Mr. Benson say boys of Danny's age need?
8. How do you think Luke felt when he saw Danny and Sarah?
9. Why did Danny feel angry that night when he came home?
10. Why did he want to see Sarah again?

Homework Task 5

*Punctuate the following
passage into your copy.*

it was the saturday after sarah had first shown up
outside our house and we'd arranged to meet in the
park. i was sitting on a bench near the fountain
reading *david copperfield*. i wanted her to see that i
read books like this. after a few minutes i saw her
coming through the gates opposite me. i smiled and
waved |t surprised me how happy i was to see her

(12 errors)

Chapter 7

1. Who came to Danny's birthday dinner?
2. Why did Benjamin Benson's father spend most of the war in jail?
3. What did Danny do with the present his grandmother had given him?
4. Why did Danny feel relieved when he got Pete's card?
5. Why do you think Pete hadn't been making sense on the phone?
6. Why do you think Danny's father wouldn't give his mother any dinner?
7. Why did Danny's mam feel that, 'There's only one who matters'?
8. What did Sarah ask Danny to do?
9. How did he feel about that?
10. Why did he agree to go?

Chapter 8

1. Describe what Danny saw when he went in to the hospital room.
2. Why did Sarah laugh?
3. Why had Pete once been in hospital?
4. What had Sarah dared Andy to do?
5. Why did Andy run straight out on to the road?
6. Where did Danny hide?
7. What did Dr. Harris say about Andy?
8. Why is Sarah's mother angry?
9. What does she say she is going to do?
10. How did Danny react?

**Homework
Task 6**

Activity: Making connections

Sometimes when we read something it reminds us of something similar that happened to us and of how we felt. This can help us understand what we have read. Use the chart below to write about three connections you made while reading the book so far.

<i>Page Number</i>	How this is connected to something I have read, heard about or that happened to me

Chapter 9

1. Why had the police been to Danny's house?
2. Why was his father surprised when Danny mentioned Sarah?
3. How did he react when he heard Sarah had come to their house?
4. Why did he slap Danny in the face?
5. Why did Sarah call to the house that night?
6. What did Luke see from his bedroom window?
7. Why do you think he decided to run away?
8. What did he bring with him?

Functional
Writing

**Homework
Task 7**

Writing Activity

Imagine you are Danny's father. Write a letter to Pete who is living abroad.

Explain why you are writing and the details of the current situation at home.

Describe what you want Pete to do.

Chapter 10

1. Where did Danny spend the first night?
2. What happened while he was having his breakfast?
3. Why did he start to feel nervous walking around the streets?
4. Why did he go to the car-park that night?
5. The next morning, where did he decide he would go?
6. What happened that made him feel he was totally on his own?
7. How did he disguise himself?
8. What did Danny think about the night he went to the park?
9. What happened to him as he was about to lie down?

Chapter 11

1. What happened the first morning that Danny came home from hospital?
2. Why did Danny feel ashamed of himself?
3. Why did Pete think it wasn't very smart of Danny to make friends with Sarah?
4. What did Pete get Danny to promise?
5. Why had Luke gone to see Sarah's parents?
6. What did Luke tell Danny about his father?
7. Why, do you think, is Luke going to go to some matches with Mr. Benson?
8. What did Danny's mam say to him on the last night of the holidays?
9. How did Danny feel?
10. Why, do you think, does the author have Danny reading the part about David going to see Agnes at this point in the book?

Homework Task 8

Sarah and Andy

Write the conversation you think might have taken place between Sarah and Andy after he woke up.

<u>Sarah</u>	
<u>Andy</u>	
<u>Sarah</u>	

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<u>Sarah</u>	

Personal Response on the ending

Write about the ending of the film *The Dare*. You should mention the following points:

1. What happens in the end?
2. Were you surprised by the ending? Why/Why not?
3. How have characters changed from the beginning to the end of the novel?
4. If you were writing a sequel to this film, what would happen next?
5. Is there a hero in this novel? If so what makes him/her a hero?
7. Does the author send us a message? What is that message?
8. Did you like the ending? Explain your point of view.

Assessment for Learning Tweets

Have I learnt
something new?

Which key skills
have I improved?

How has my
work
progressed?

What was difficult
about this task?

What will I need to do next time?