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Stories Changed My life

Stories have the ability to change our lives. Research a person whose life has been significantly impacted by reading and/or writing. Alternatively, interview a friend or family member whose life has been changed by reading. Ask for permission to share their story with your class.

Name		Year of birth	
	Key life Achievem	ents	
	How has reading and/or writing	impacted their life?	
	What was the turning point? When/ho	w did their life change	?
	Were they inspired by a particu	larbook orwriter?	
How do y	ou think thein life, on the world, would be d	ifferent if they were	not able to read?
	What have you learned from	thein example?	

Stories Changed My life

Teacher's Instructions: These cards can be used to help students choose a person for their 'Stories Changed My Life' research project. They are designed to be printed on card and cut-out for use as a 'lucky dip'. Alternatively, provide this list to your class and let the students make their own choice.

Abraham Lincoln	Hellen Keller	Agatha Christie
J.K.Rowling	A.A.Milne	John Green
Charles Dickens	Jackie French	Richard Branson
Howard Engel	Albert Einstein	Steven Spielberg
Bill Gates	Martin Luther King Jr.	Oprah Winfrey
Edith Warton	Katherine Johnson	Malala Yousafzai

Comparing Illustrators and Styles

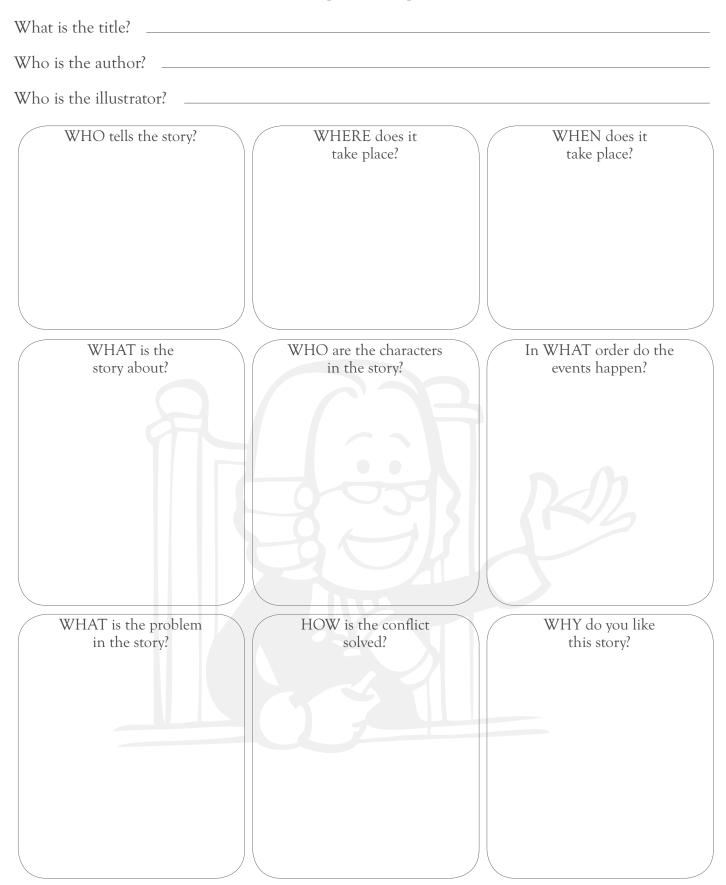
Compare the illustrations in the six books that feature in this year's CBCA New Illustrator Award short list and complete the table below.

Describe the illustrations (medium, colour palette, style etc.)	In what way do the illustrations complement the story?	What do you like about the illustrations? What don't you like?	Name a book that features illustrations of a similar style
Illustrator name?		Book: Australian Birds	
Illustrator name?		Book: Grandma Z	
Illustrator name?		Book: Dingo	
Illustrator name?		Book: The Singing Seal	
Illustrator name?		Book: Carmichael's Journe	<i>y</i>
Illustrator name?		Book: Red House, Blue Hou	se, Green House, Tree House!

If you had to choose one winner out of the six illustrators, who would you choose and why?

You are the judge

Imagine you are the judge of the Picture Books for the CBCA Awards. Choose your favourite from the six books in the awards short list and complete this report.



MY SEGRET POWER

Imagine you are the main character in a novel. You have a secret power that can change the world for the better, but there's a catch! You can only ever use it once...

	IS MY SECRET POWER!
What is your character name?	How does your secret power work?
What is the title of the book?	
What do you want to ch	nange about the world and why?

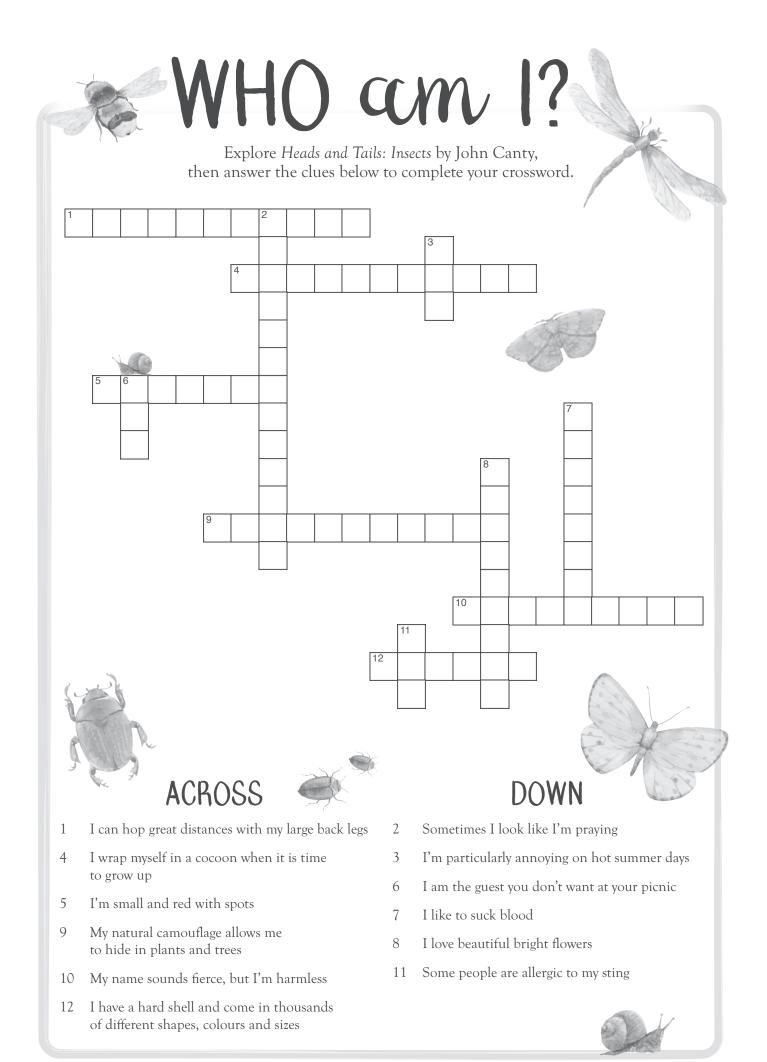


Describe what the world is like before you use your power. Then explain what it is like afterwards. What has changed?

BEFORE

AFTER

Who/what inspired you to use your powers in this way?	

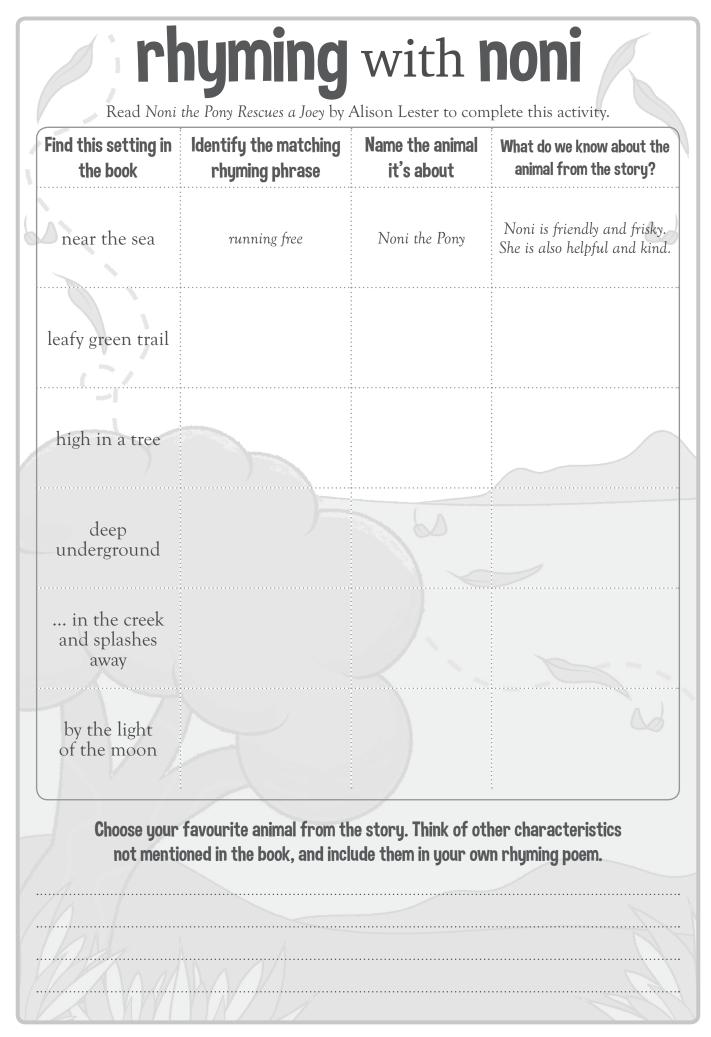


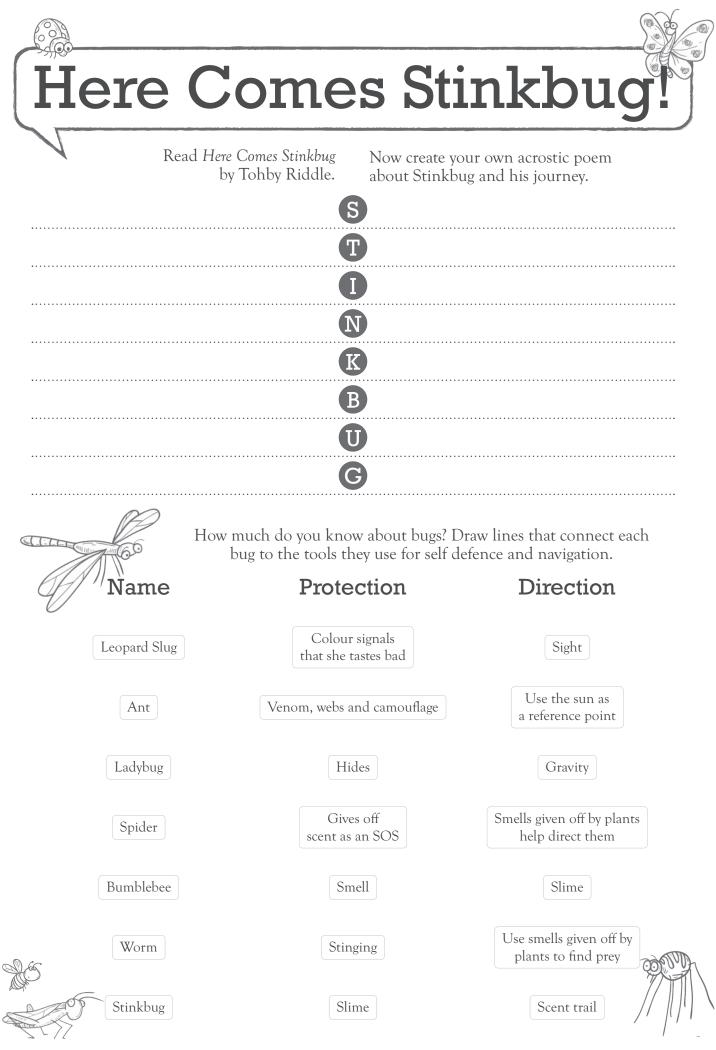


In *Rainbow Bear* by Stephen Michael King, Bear's cubs colour him in. Draw and decorate your own polar bear using rainbow colours.

Bear and his family go to the Big City. Name five things they do and/or see there.



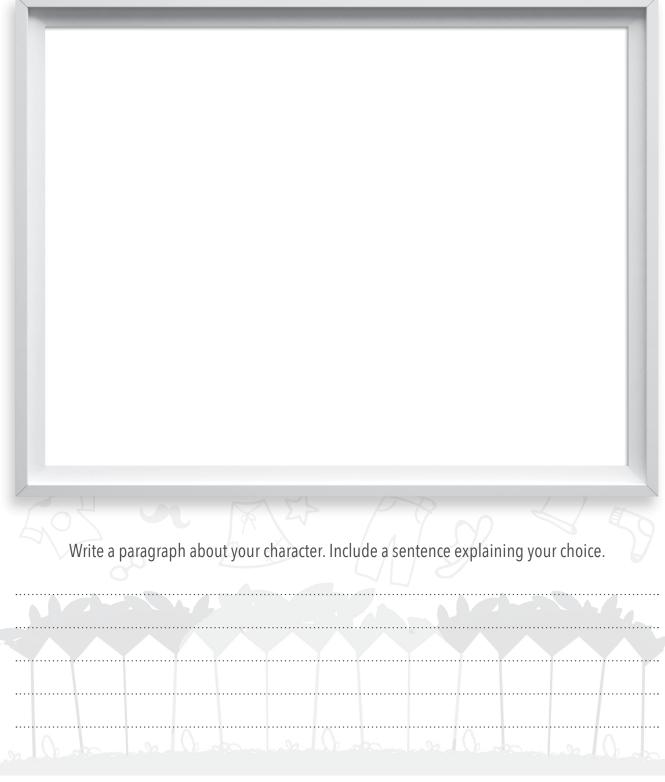




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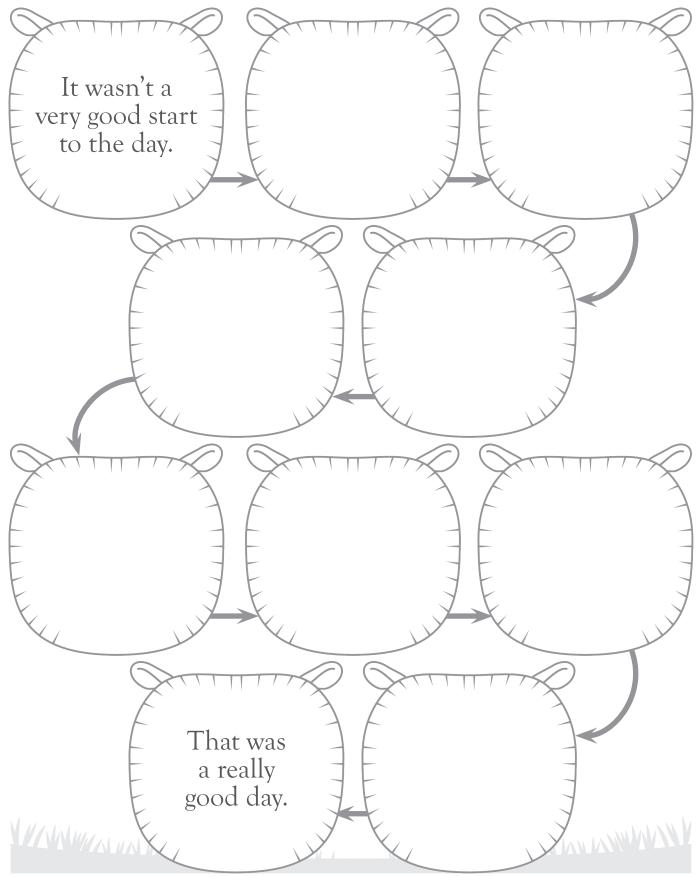
Kho am I Today?

In *The Dress-Up Box* by Patrick Guest, the Frolleys enjoyment of dress-up games helps them settle into their new home. Who do you want to be today? Draw a portrait of yourself wearing your most interesting dress-up outfit in the picture frame below.



TRICKY'S BAD DAY

What happened during Tricky's day? Describe the story using the timeline below. When did it change from bad to good?



CICADA: TWO WORLDS
Cicada by Shaun Tan highlights the way environment influences our lives. Using this Venn diagram, compare the differences and similarities in Cicada's experiences, emotions, thoughts and perspective before and after his transformation.
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AFTER AFTER
'Routine can either serve you or confine you.'
Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain your reasoning.

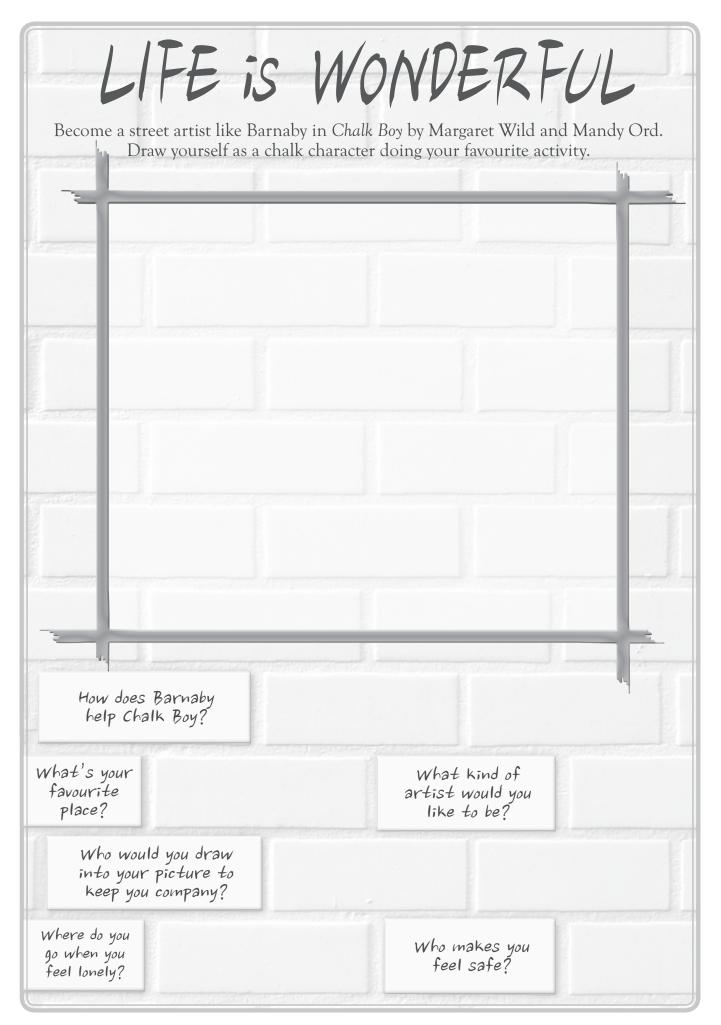
CICADA: THE METAPHOR

There are many different ways in which the story of *Cicada* could be understood. For each of the themes below, imagine that is the key focus of the story. Explain what you think the author, Shaun Tan, is trying to convey through the text and illustrations about that topic.

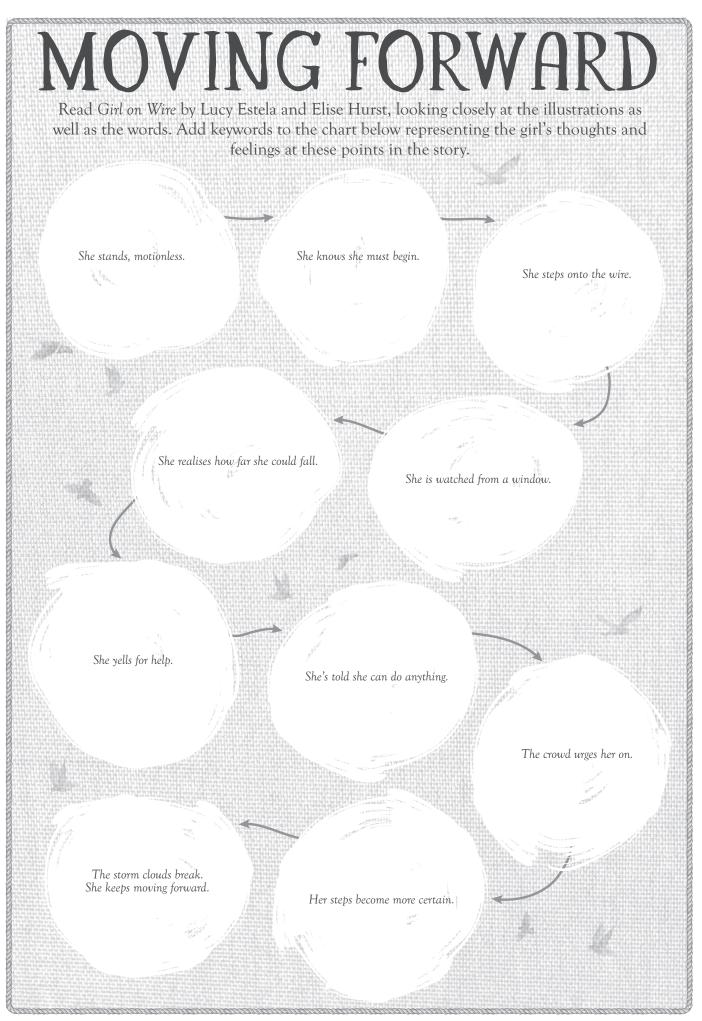
Theme/Topic	What might the story be saying about this theme?
Migrant Workers	
Racial Segregation	
Work/ Retirement	
Bullying/ Exclusion	

Extension Activity: Think of another theme reflected in the story and define it here.

Theme/Topic	What might the story be saying about this theme?
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WORD POWER

How many hopeful or optimistic words can you find in *The Feather* by Margaret Wild? List them below. Then do the same with negative or pessimistic words.

Hopeful / optimistic words	Negative / pessimistic words
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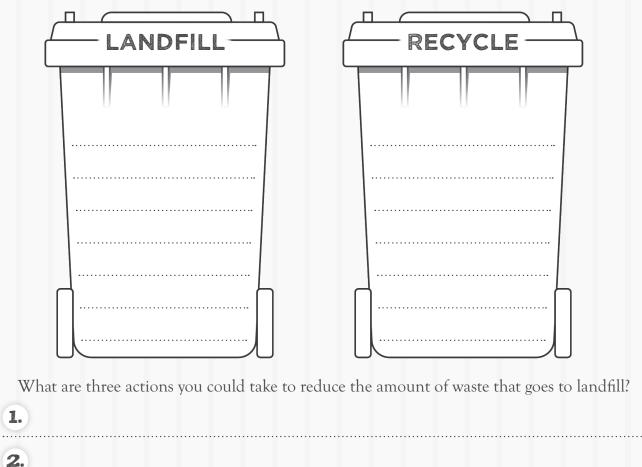
Choose a sentence from the book that is either optimistic or pessimistic. If it is optimistic, rewrite it using negative words in place of hopeful words. If it is pessimistic, replace negative words with hopeful words.

How has your replacement sentence changed the meaning of the scene?

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REDUCE, RECYCLE

The All New Must Have Orange 430 inspires us to consider our own impact on the planet. Landfill is causing problems across the globe. Which regular household items will end up in landfill and which can be recycled? List at least six in each of the bins.



Changing our attitudes and habits around single use products is one important thing we can do to reduce waste. In the table below list reusable alternatives for these common products.

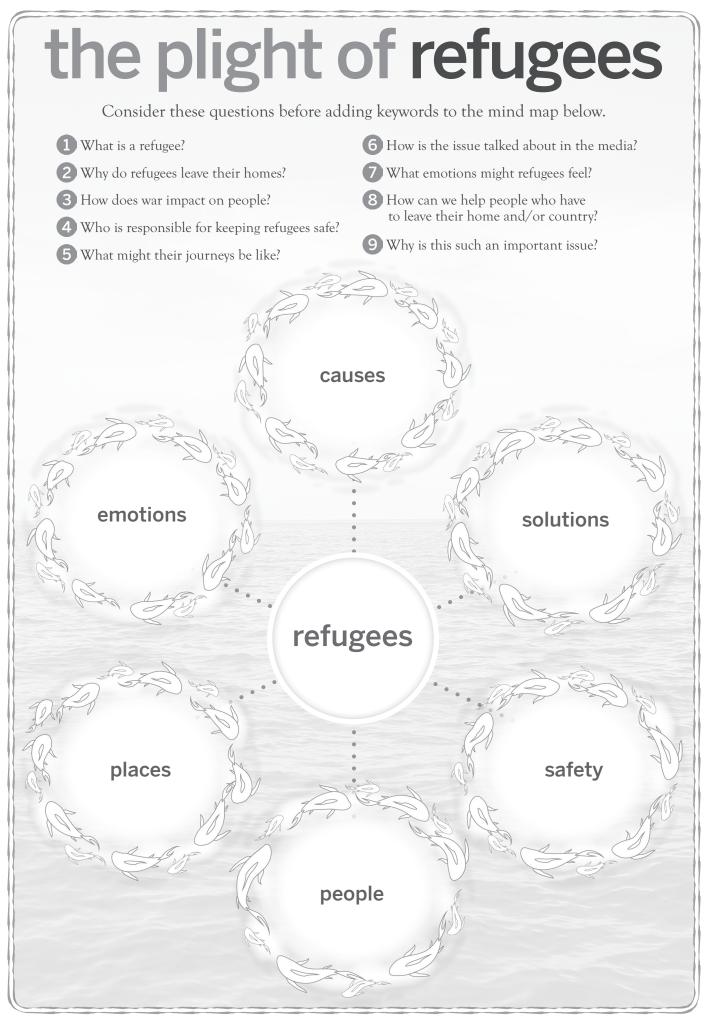
SINGLE USE	REUSABLE ALTERNATE
Plastic Wrap/Cling Wrap	
Plastic Straws	
Cardboard Coffee Cups	
Plastic Water Bottles	
Disposable Nappies	
Plastic Bags	
Paper Towel	
Coffee Pods	

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USEFUL OBJECTS INTERNATIONAL

In *The All New Must Have Orange 430*, the company UOI specialises in useLESS objects which people later regret buying. Imagine you have taken over the company, and are now producing the most useFUL products in the world. Choose one of your products, and design an advertisement that will encourage people to buy it. Include a drawing of the product, its name, the price and how it is going to help the person who buys it.

power in silence
The Mediterranean begins with one stark sentence that sets the mood, then uses wordless illustrations to powerfully depict the dangers faced by refugees.
Circle a social issue from this list (or choose another that matters to you), and write a powerful opening sentence for your book. Draw a single, wordless illustration to help convey the issues relating to your chosen topic. Use a larger sheet of paper if needed.
poverty animal rights homelessness climate change bullying racism your choice
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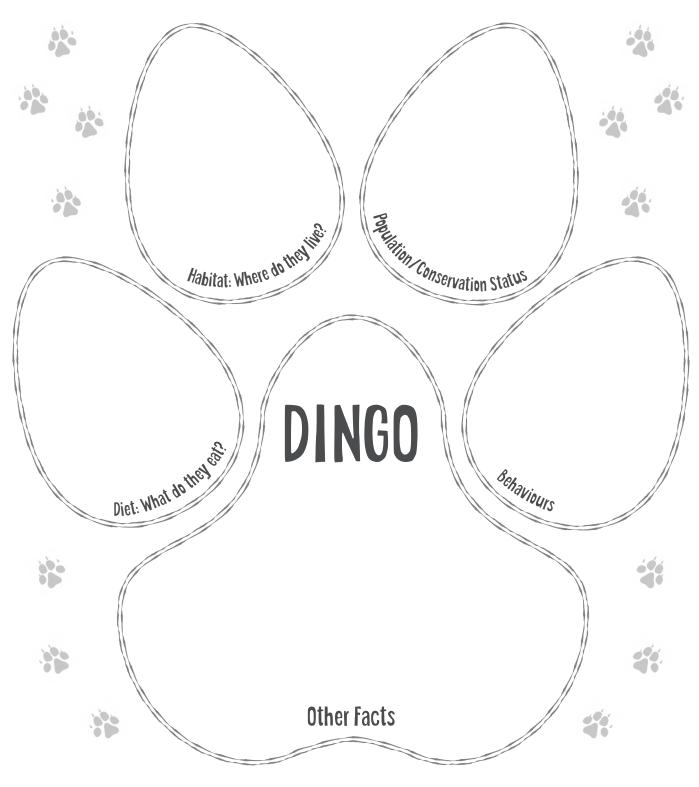
In *Carmichael's Journey*, author Shelly Fussell uses a fictional story to raise awareness of the environmental dangers faced by the Carmichael cockatoo. List at least three things we can do at home, at school and as a society to help save endangered species.

	Home	School/Work
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		n our flora and fauna. Write a paragraph What is it and why is it so damaging?
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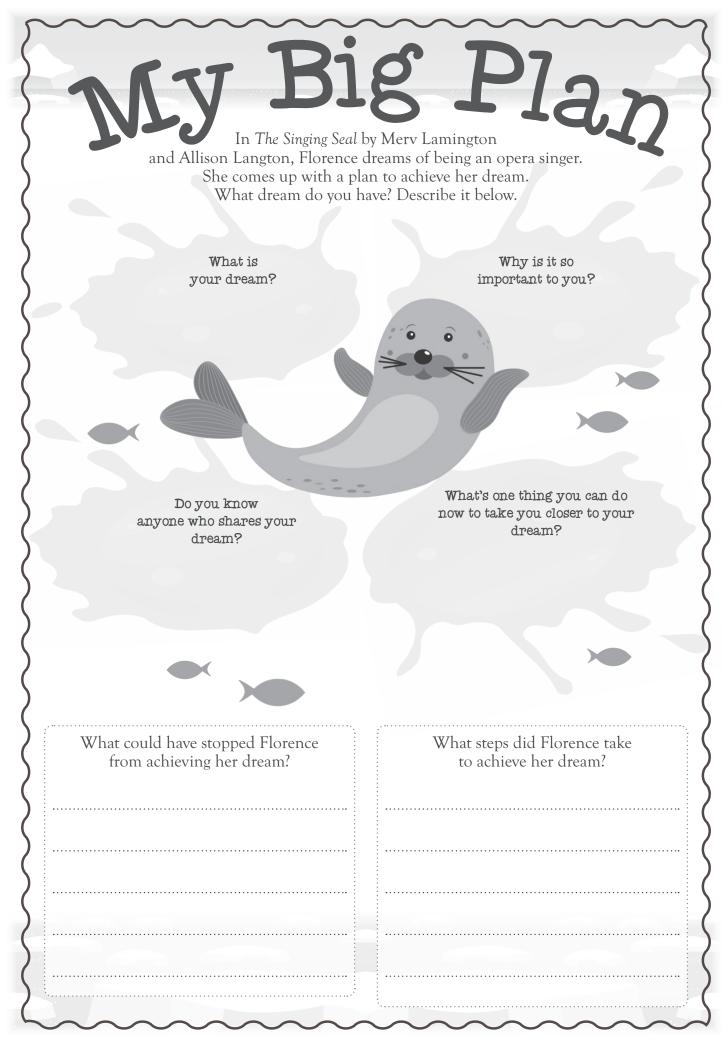
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What do you know about dingos? Based on your existing knowledge add information to this chart. After reading *Dingo* by Claire Saxby, return to this activity and complete the chart using information you have learned from the book.



A Completely Unordinary Day! In the book Grandma 2, Albert's very ordinary day turns into a very unordinary birthday! What did Grandma I and Albert get up to during their epic day? Pick your top three and What unordinary things write or draw them would you like to do in this birthday cake! on your birthday?



BIRD BINGO

As the name of each bird is read out, match it to the clue relating to that bird. When you have matched all the birds, yell out 'Bingo'!

I will swoop you if you come too close to my nest	I imitate other birds and many sounds created by humans - even ring tones!	I am one of the tallest birds in the world
I am the largest bird	I find everything	I can fly as fast
of prey in Australia	very funny	as a car can drive
I have a yellow crest like a mohawk	I have a fleshy bunch of skin under my throat called a 'wattle'	I am the heaviest flying bird in Australia
I am colourful with	People often	I have a hard bump
blue, red, yellow and	mistake me for	on my head called a
green feathers	an owl	'casque'

BINGO GUIDE

Teacher instructions: Organise the class into pairs or small groups, and give each group a copy of the handout 'Bird Bingo'. This 'Bingo Guide' is for you and includes the answer key. As you call out the name of each bird, teams must match the bird to the clues on their sheet. The first group to accurately match all the birds is the winner.





Add the missing colours COLOUR MIXING to complete the equations. Pink = Red + Blue + Blue = Black+ Yellow = + White = Red Orange Now create your own colour equation: What other two colours create another?

TWO Generations

The book Sorry Day by Coral Vass and Dub Leffler, contrasts a girl called Maggie with children from the stolen generation. Using this Venn diagram, compare the story of Maggie with the story of those earlier children. Think about their fears and emotions, environment and experiences, clothing and games.

Stolen Generation It's important to acknowledge the pain Indigenous people have experienced, but as you can see from the table below, as a society, we need to do more. What is a practical way we could help Indigenous Australians right now? Non-Indigenous Indigenous Life Expectancy Male 80.2 yrs | Female 83.4 yrs Male 71.6 yrs | Female 75.6 yrs Literacy ² 6% failed to meet national min. standard 18% failed to meet national min. standard Employment 1 72% Major cities 54% | Remote areas 31% Malnourished 5% 8%

Childhood Obesity³ 25% JU/U

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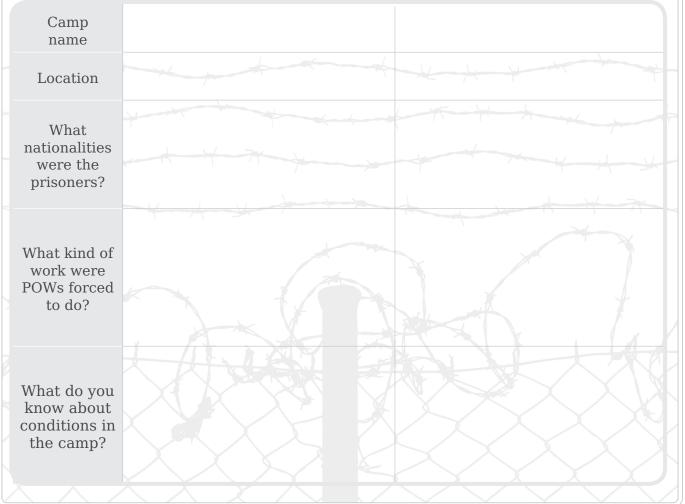
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Prisoners of War

The Happiness Box by Mark Greenwood depicts the experiences of Australian soldiers captured in Singapore during WWII. After reading the book, research Changi Prison to complete the chart below.

What is a POW camp?	What did prisoners do to boost morale? •
What nationalities were the POWs? •	• • What were prisoners forced to do? •
What did the POWs do in the jungle?	•

Research two other WWII Prisoner of War camps and complete this table.



The Happiness Box: A Wartime Book of Hope

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INDIGENOUS NAME	ENGLISH NAME	INDIGENOUS NAME	ENGLISH NAME
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Wirriwirri		Nerrk	
Nama		Muthali	



Shading	Overlap
Size	Linear Perspective

Endangered Australia

	ete the table. hlight and label your two chosen	
Species Name		
Status	Critically Endangered Endangered Vulnerable Threatened	Critically Endangered Endangered Vulnerable Threatened
How many are left?		
What caused the problem?		
What is the biggest threat they face now?		
How can we help?		

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Bouncing Back: An Eastern Barred Bandicoot Story

Waves by Donna Rawlins depicts children from different eras travelling to Australia from different eras travelling to Australia.

Choose one of the children from the book and complete the table below.

What was their name?		
What era of history were they from?		
What country did they come from?		
How old were they?		
Why did they leave their home? Use evidence from the text.		
What kind of vessel did they come on?		
What was happening in Australia during the time they arrived?		
account contrasting th	e passed since this child arrived in Australia. Write a first-person eir present life in Australia with their previous life in their home is better about their new life and what was (or still is) difficult.	

Mia's Land

Black Cockatoo by Carl Merrison and Hakea Hustler is set in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. The protagonist, Mia, is very connected to her culture and land. Research Mia's jarriny totem and the environment of the Kimberley to complete this chart.



TOTEM

Common Name:	Scientific Name:
What is the name for this bird in Mia's Jaru languag	e?
What is its name in another Indigenous language?	
What kind of tree does it usually live in?	
Why is this bird Mia's totem?	

ENVIRONMENT

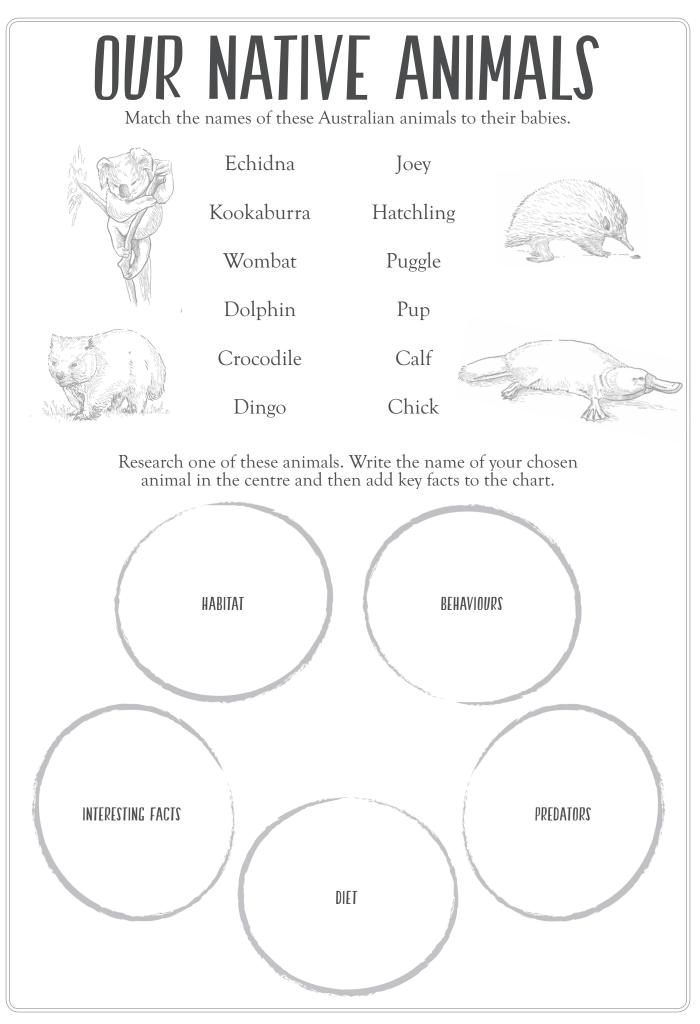
List five animals native to the Kimberley	List five plants native to the Kimberley
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2)
3)
)
6)
How long ago was the Kimberley settled?	
How large (in square kms) is the region?	
MANNANTHAL	
CHARA	CTER
Pick a scene from the book that illu	strates Mia's connection to nature.

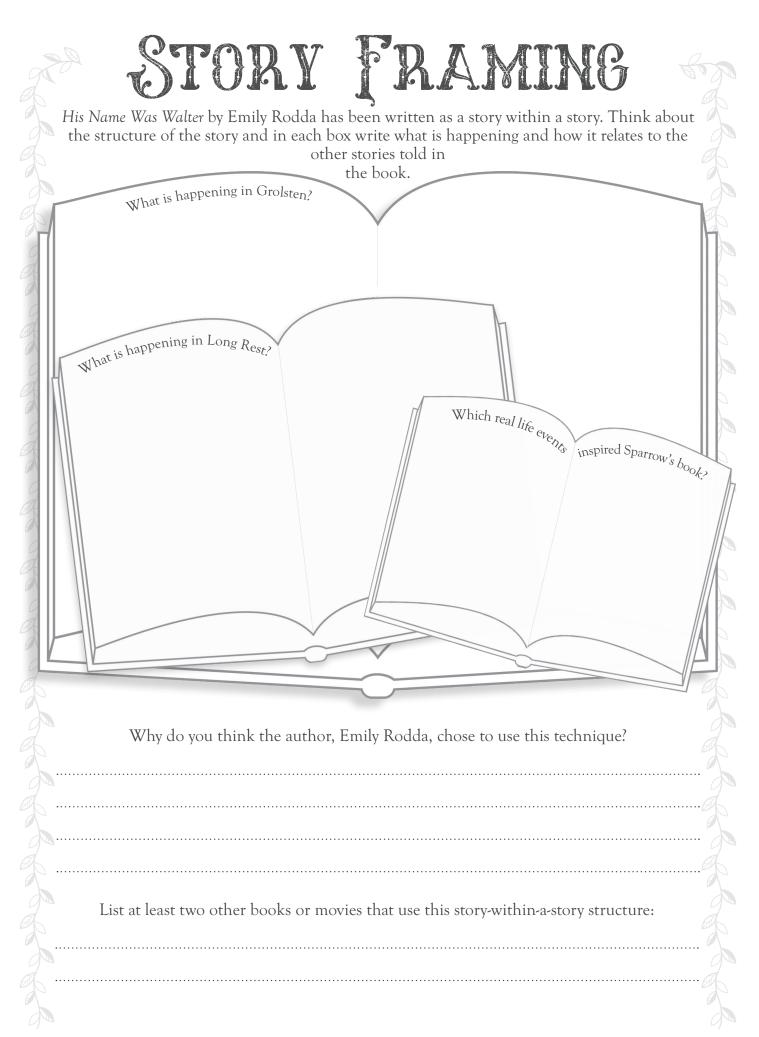
Explain how the scene provides insight into her character.

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DUAL POINTS OF VIEW In Brindabella by Ursula Dubosarsky, the same events are portrayed from two different
perspectives. In the chart below, describe how each character interprets key events in
the story. Consider what they may have been thinking and feeling at the time.
PENDER BRINDABELLA
Pender begins to care for Brindabella
Tenaer begins to eare jor Drinaubena
Brindabella eats the strawberries
Brindabella runs away
Pender sees Brindabella's joey
Choose another event in the story
Write an alternative final paragraph to end the story of Brindabella.
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TWO WORLDS

His Name Was Walter by Emily Rodda includes many different metaphors. There are places, people, objects and events in Long Rest that represent something real in Grolsten. Record the meanings in the table below and add two other examples from the story.

Fictional element	What does it represent?
Beehive	
Rabbit warren	
Mice in the Counting House	
Plague	
Spectres	
Witches' tears	
Sparrow's feathers	

His Name Was Walter is set in both the 'real world' town of Grolsten and the fictional land of Long Rest. In the boxes below compare and contrast each setting.

GROLSTEN

People/Beings	Places	Lifestyle
		e de la companya de la company
		E.
	LONG REST	
People/Beings	Places	Lifestyle



Design Your Own Farm

In *Leave Taking* by Lorraine Marwood, Toby visits all his favourite places on a farewell tour of the family farm. Imagine you grew up on a farm, and describe your farm in one paragraph.

What would your farm produce/sell?	What type of animals would you have?	What jobs would you do on the farm?

Toby draws a map of his farm that shows all his favourite places. Draw a map of your farm.

	Questions	Clues	
1.	What is Rhea's last name?		
2.	What literary device, mentioned in the book, is used to distract readers from the truth?		60
3.	The story begins in what season?		
4.	Cassie gives her notebook a title: A Notebook for?		
5.	What mental illness does Cassie believe her dad is suffering from?		
6.	What has Cassie been trying to find?		
7.	What is Cassie's last name?		
8.	What animal is Cassie scared of?		
9.	What book does Cassie keep referring to throughout the novel?		
10.	What side of town is across the river?		
11.	What does Cassie have to wear to school everyday?		
12.	What does Jonas leave for Cassie to find?		
13.	Jonas complains to Cassie about his family holiday. Where did he go?		

TH	Read The Slightly Alarming by Jaclyn Moriarty and		Wars
	WHO IS YOUR LEAST FAVO	DURITE CHARACTER? WI	HY?
CHOOSE TWO O	THER CHARACTERS FROM THE ST	ORY AND ANALYSE THE	EM IN THE CHART BELOW.
Name:	Age:	Name:	Age:
Where are they	from?	Where are they from	?
W	ho are their friends?	Who ar	e their friends?
	r character traits? What do they ? What do they like to do?		racter traits? What do they at do they like to do?
What is their importance to the story?		What is their in	nportance to the story?
How & why do they change throughout the book?		How & why do they d	change throughout the book?

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