Reading
Thematic Overview
'Holes' - Louis Sachar

Holes by Louis Sachar is an engaging story about Stanley Yelnats, a boy who is sent to a juvenile detention camp. There, he learns about a family curse and the strange occurrences at the camp while making friends and discovering his own inner strength.

Geography

In Holes, the boys at the camp exert a great deal of physical and emotional effort, which ties into the broader theme of resource management. The camp is situated in a dry and barren area, leading to discussions about how different regions utilise their natural resources. The characters' experiences can spark conversations about conserving energy and using resources wisely in challenging environments. Pupils will apply their knowledge of renewable energy to a survival context, by designing a renewable energy system to be used in the Texas desert – Camp Green Lake.

Science

Pupils will classify animals which are adapted to desert life and ….. Term 2?

English

Pupils will explore the perspectives of different characters including Stanley, Zero and Mr Sir, writing letters, diaries and applying for jobs. Pupils will create a non-fiction report about yellow-spotted lizards and a newspaper report about Camp Green lakes' OFSTED inspection!

Technology

Pupils will apply their knowledge of food preparation and recipes to design a menu for Camp Green Lake and ….. Term 2?

Art

Pupils will apply their drawing skills and understanding of portraiture to create a portrait of a character from 'Holes' which symbolises their personality.

History

The book explores themes of family and history, particularly through Stanley's connections to his ancestors and the unfair treatment faced by certain groups. It reveals the backstories of characters and the history of the land where the camp is located, illustrating how many significant stories often go unnoticed and how these past experiences influence present circumstances. Pupils will learn about the importance of family trees in history, analyse family trees within the story of 'Holes', before creating their own.

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