

A Novel Study Planning Guide based on Blooms & QAR

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Content ⇒ Process ↓	People	Places	Events	Themes	Connections within the novel and with the readers experience.	Structure and Methods (Use of a range of reading strategies)
Knowledge In The Book: Right There						Write a summary of the book. Explain the main events, the complications that occur and the way things are resolved in the end.
Comprehension In the Book: Think and Search		What differences exist between the life that Tommo remembers throughout the book and the life in which he is existing as he retells the story of his life?		What role does Charlie take in the family when their father dies?		
Analysis & Application In My Head: Author and Me	Why does Morpurgo choose to withhold the information that Tommo is remembering his childhood as his brother waits for the firing squad? What effect does this have on the reader when the truth is revealed?			What are the themes in the novel? How does the author communicate each theme?	Is Charlie a coward? Should he have been sentenced to death? Why/ Why not?	
Synthesis In My Head: On My Own	Why do you think was Sargeant Hanley's motivation for reporting Charlie? Was this the correct thing to do? Why? Why not?		Imagine you are Charlie. Write a letter to a Molly and your baby. Explain how you feel about what is going to happen to you and how you would like them to remember you.		Do you know anyone like Grndma Wolfe? What effect does this person have on the people around them?	Create 20 multiple choice quiz questions about the book. Ask questions about the characters and events in the story.
Evaluation In My Head: On My Own			Write the next chapter in book for each of the characters as an introduction to a sequel. Try to engage the reader so that he/she is left desperate to know what happens next.	What lessons, if any, can we learn from this book?	What, if any, are the benefits of having the story written from the viewpoint of Tommo? Do you think it was a successful way to write the book? Why/why not?	

Questions for class discussion

Can you think of a very famous book that this novel may have used as it's inspiration? Are there other novels that you have read that may have been inspired by other books? Is this copying an idea or using an existing idea to create something new?