

World Book Day: A Literary Assessment

Learning objective: To analyse the significance of World Book Day, demonstrate understanding of narrative structures, and apply creative writing skills.

Read the passage carefully before answering the questions. Use full sentences, clear handwriting, and check your punctuation. Good luck!

Every year, Pip the caterpillar spends weeks preparing for World Book Day. Pip believes that books are like magic portals; once you open the cover, you can travel to distant galaxies with Nova the owl or dive into deep-sea trenches with Finn the dolphin. Pip spends £4.50 on a new bookmark and £7.25 on a collection of poems to share with friends. World Book Day is not just about fancy dress; it is a global celebration of stories that connect us all. Whether it is a historical tale told by Ellie the elephant or a puzzling mystery solved by Kit the fox, every book offers a chance to see the world through someone else's eyes.

Word bank: narrative · characterisation · imagination · perspective · adventure · vocabulary · atmosphere · celebration

1. Identify two characters mentioned in the text and describe one activity they might do on World Book Day. (2 marks)

2. Pip spends £4.50 on a bookmark and £7.25 on poetry. Calculate the total cost of Pip's purchases. Show your working out. (2 marks)

3. In your own words, explain why the author describes books as 'magic portals'. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the roles of Nova the owl and Kit the fox based on the passage. How do their interests differ? (3 marks)

5. Justify why World Book Day is considered a 'global celebration' rather than just a school event. (4 marks)

6. What might happen to a reader's imagination if they stopped reading books for a whole year? Explain your reasoning. (6 marks)

7. Extended Writing: Write a persuasive paragraph (approx. 50-75 words) encouraging a friend to read a book you have enjoyed recently. Focus on the atmosphere and the main character. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene where Pip the caterpillar is sitting inside a 'magic portal' book, surrounded by items that represent the adventures of Nova, Finn, and Ellie.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Extension Task: If you were to write a story about a library that comes to life at midnight, what would be the first thing to happen? Use at least three words from the word bank in your response.