ENGLISH READING LESSON - 1.6.20

PROLOGUE - ANSWERS





Vocabulary	 What words and phrases in the first paragraph show you that Malkin isn't human? 'have you enough clicks' 'heaven knows who'll wind you if I'm not there'
	 Find a phrase in the prologue that shows Malkin isn't keen to go. The fox gave a whimper of disapproval
Infer & Interpret	 What is 'autopilot'? Why did John need to put the ship into autopilot? When an aircraft flies by itself. The airship had been attacked and was about to crash so he needed to help Malkin escape and get himself ready for a crash landing. Why doesn't John tell Malkin what is in the envelope? John doesn't tell Malkin what's in the envelope because he wants to keep it a secret between him and Lily. If too many people know then the secret might become common knowledge. What might 'have you enough clicks' mean? Malkin needs winding up to work, like a mechanical toy, so John was checking he was wound up enough to survive and make it to Lily. What was strange about the two silhouetted figures? They had silver eyes which suggests that they are not humans.
Predict	1. Predict what the secrets of John's past might be. This can be any answer as long as there is some element of logic to it e,g, you wouldn't say he was a famous You Tuber because it's set in Victorian Times.

Explain	 True or false – John is selfless? Explain your answer with evidence from the text. Use the APE resources on the school website to help you write an APE answer True. John is selfless because he sends Malkin down in the escape pod rather than taking it for himself. This will ensure that Malkin survives which means that John was prepared to risk his life to save Malkin's. Malkin said it should be "humans over mechanicals" so John is defying rules and laws in order to save his friend's life. Therefore, he proves himself to be very selfless.
Retrieve	 What is the name of the ship and who is the captain? The Dragonfly. John. Why was Malkin barking? A stench of burning gas filled the flight deck.
Sequence & Summarise	1. Summarise the events in this prologue in less than thirty words. This can be any answer as long as the main information is mentioned e.g. airship attacked, Malkin sent in escape pod, 2 silhouetted figures appear.