

ENGLISH READING LESSON – 2.6.20

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Use the APE resources on the Home Learning Tab – Reading – to help you construct your answers to today's questions.

Remember: ANSWER IT – PROVE IT – EXPLAIN IT

1. Why does Lily believe that it's pointless to balance books on your head?
Lily thinks that it's pointless to balance books on your head because you have hats for that. She thinks it is much better to read books than to put them on your head.
2. Why does the Kraken confiscate the magazines?
She confiscates the magazines because she believes that they are not educational enough and that if Lily reads things like this, her head will be filled with all sorts of nonsense and she will not learn well, or become a 'proper' young lady.
3. For what reason has Lily been sent to this school? Why is it suspicious?
Lily's dad sent her to this school because she had not worked well for her governesses and they had all left. It's odd because dad changed her name when he enrolled her in the school as if he was trying to keep it a secret or make sure no one knew who Lily was or that she was there.
4. Why is the dorm locked? How does Lily get in?
I think the dormitory door is locked because the Kraken believes that the girls should only go to their dorm to sleep in the evening so that they can spend every second of the day learning to become 'proper' young ladies. Lily gets in by picking the lock with a hair pin.
5. Why do Lucretia and Alice mock and berate Molly? Why does Lily stand up for her? What does this tell you about the contrast between these characters?
*They mock and berate her because she is a 'mech' and they believe that 'mechs' are not superior to or equal to humans. They believe that they have the right to talk down to her because she is just employed to do her job and she is a lower class of being. Lily stands up for her because she says that she's her friend and she is not prepared to let her friend be spoken to in such a way.
This shows you that Lily is a kind-hearted and caring person who is loyal to her friends and family and the other girls are very shallow, with not very many feelings and that they believe they are superior to most people.*
6. Do you like the Kraken? Why?
*Any answer is acceptable as long as they use evidence to back this up.
E.g. No – reasons to include: speaking rudely to pupils, locking dorm door, making Molly feel nervous that she'll sack her*

Yes – reasons to include: strict teacher in Victorian times (makes her good at her job), doesn't accept fighting.

7. Explain how Peter Bunzl makes Alice and Lucretia unlikeable.

Reasons can include:

- Appearance – prim nose stuck in the air/hair bun/face scrunched into sneers
- Way they treat Molly – grabbing sheets and throwing them on the floor, saying that she is a 'mech' and not alive, hitting her around the head,
- Making threats to Lily – snotty little runt, grabbing Lily's hair, raking her scalp with their long nails, scratching her ears.

8. Do you think Lily should have hit Alice? Explain your answer.

No because the school is clearly a very strict one and the Kraken already has a dislike for Lily so if she hit Alice, she was bound to get into lots of trouble. We know that it is secretive that Lily is at the school and the Kraken might exclude her for fighting which might end up putting her and her dad in danger.

Yes because Alice had been really rude and disrespectful to Molly and it is not a nice characteristic to be rude to people so Lily felt that Alice needed to be taught a lesson. She had tried to reason with her but this didn't work and when Alice hurt Lily, she wasn't prepared to stand back and not sick up for herself.