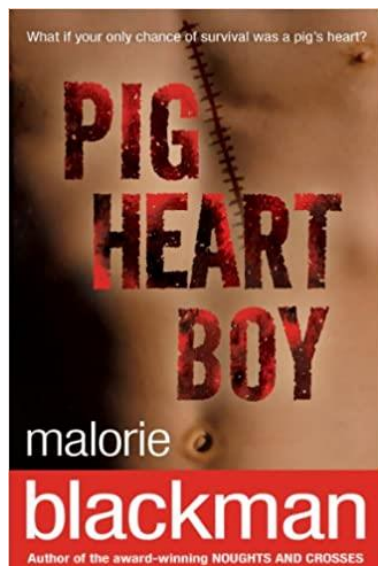


# PIG HEART BOY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER







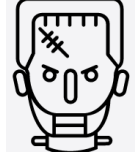



Name of book:	Pig Heart Boy
Date Published:	1997
Author:	Malorie Blackman
Genre:	Realistic Fiction/Science Fiction









## QUOTES

- “So here I was, just me and my heart, where every beat was like the tick, tick, ticking of a clock counting down my life.”
- “Just a pig ... People always used that argument whenever they wanted to use and abuse animals – or even other people.”
- “And then, what can only be described as a flood of people came rushing towards us. I shrank back in my seat, terrified.”

## DISCUSSION POINTS

- What are your own beliefs?
- Can medicine take things 'too far'?
- How do religions view this issue?

VOCABULARY		
appendectomy		an operation which removes the appendix
DNA		hereditary material in humans and almost all other organisms
earnest		resulting from or showing to be sincere or serious
E.C.G.		electrocardiograms which detect electrical signals from the heart
Frankenstein		a doctor from an old novel who was a 'mad scientist' and created a monster
immoral		not conforming to accepted standards of morality
mortified		cause someone to feel embarrassed or ashamed
precaution		action taken in advance to stop something bad happening

VOCABULARY		
publicity		attention given to someone/something by the media
rejection		when the body's immune system attacks transplanted cells, tissues or organs
scandalized		to be shocked or horrified by someone's immoral behaviour
sow		an adult female pig
sumptuous		splendid, expensive-looking or delicious (food)
transgenics		biology concerned with the transferring of genes
transplant		move or transfer something to another place
vegan		someone who does not eat meat or dairy food