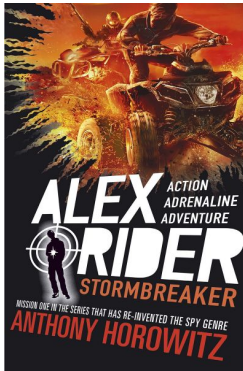


Monday: 22nd February 2021

Today's focus: Can I make predictions about the text?

Look at the front cover and read the first sentence of Chapter 1: Funeral Voices



When the doorbell rings at three in the morning, it's never good news.

Think about how this impacts the reader/listener.

What is your prediction of this book? Use these sentence stems to help you write a prediction. You don't have to use all of them, but I would like you to evidence your ideas as much as possible from the image and the first sentence of the book.

Prediction Sentence Starters

When I look at the front cover of the text.....

Within the text I believe this is going to occur because.....

From what I have read in chapter this is going to happen as a result of.....

In the next few pages of the book event is going to arise due to

Due to the recent..... event I believe that is going to happen because

Do you think you will enjoy reading this book? Why?

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Tuesday 23rd February 2021

Today's focus: Can I retrieve information about a text?

Read and/or listen to Chapter One: Funeral Voices

Answer the following questions in full sentences.

Comprehension Questions

1. At what time of the night does the doorbell ring? (page 7)

2. Alex describes the policemen stood in a certain way. What two words does he use to describe them? (page 8)

3. How did Alex's parents die when he was younger? (page 9)

4. How long has Jack Starbright lived in London? (page 10)

5. What two things does Alex fantasize could be in his uncle's office? (page 11)

6. What is the name of the bank Alex's uncle worked for? (page 12)

Wednesday 24th February 2021

Today's focus: Can I explore the author's choice of language?

Read and/or listen to Chapter One: Funeral Voices again

Exploring the Language

7. Think about the names of the characters. What do the surnames of the following characters suggest about them as people:

A) Alex Rider

B) Jack Starbright

C) Mr Blunt

7. Alex describes the police as using their "funeral voices" when describing his uncle's accident. What does Alex mean by this? In what way can a person have a "funeral voice"?

8. Mr Blunt is described as having a piercing gaze that made Alex feel "pinned down, like an insect under a microscope." How is the reader encouraged to feel about Mr Blunt and why?

9. Alex is surprised to hear that his uncle is patriotic. He says:

"Patriotic? That meant that he loved his country. But as far as Alex knew, Ian Rider had barely spent any time in it. Certainly he had never been one for waving the Union Jack."

What is Anthony Horowitz hinting at with this clue about Ian Rider's character? Explain your answer.

Thursday 25th February 2021

Today's focus: Can I summarise what I have read so far?

Using this set of sentences stems write a summary about Chapter 1.

At first I thought...

But now I am thinking...
