

8.2 Knowledge Organiser: Dystopia with Maggot Moon



Maggot Moon Plot Summary:

In a dystopian world, our protagonist, Standish Treadwell, must find a way to try and save Hector from the Motherland. The Motherland are planning to televise a hoax moon landing which Standish exposes to the world.

Character	Description with Archetype	
Standish	Daydreams and has dyslexia. The Hero.	
Gramps	Protagonist's grandfather. The Sage.	
Hector	Protagonist's best friend. The Explorer.	
Moon Man	Escapes from the Motherland. He was meant to be part of the 'moon landing'. The Innocent.	
Mr and Mrs Lush	Hector's parents. Worked for Motherland but were banished to Zone 7. The Outlaw(s).	
Miss Phillips	. Teacher at Standish's school. The Caregiver.	
Leather Coat Man	Works for Motherland. Upholds dictatorship. Symbolise SS. The Ruler .	

Context:	
Space Race	The USA and the USSR wanted to be the first country to reach space.
Lebensborn Project (Mothers of Purity)	Nazi system for creating a perceived 'elite' race.
SS (Schutzstaffel)	Hitler's personal bodyguards who carried out mass executions.

Dystopian	Surveillance. Dictatorship. Propaganda.
Features	Lack of Individuality. Oppression. Rebellion.

Key Vocabulary: Terms and Definitions		
Semantic field	A set of words that are related.	
Exile	(v.) expel and bar (someone) from their native country, typically for political or punitive reasons.	
Relinquish	(v.) voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up.	
Hoax	(n.) a fake; deception.	
Collaborator	(n.) a person who cooperates traitorously with an enemy; a defector.	
Dictator	(n.) a ruler with total power over a country, typically one who has obtained control by force.	
Conspiracy	(n.) secret plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful.	
Dyslexia	(n.) a general term for disorders that involve difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters, and other symbols, but that do not affect general intelligence	
Lunar	(adj.) of, determined by, or resembling the moon	

Examining Language Techniques:

Sensory Language	'The sun was a fiery orb, casting a warm golden glow on the fields'	
Onomatopoeia	Sizzle. Thud. Hiss. Cackle. Rustle. Clang. Crack.	
First Person Pronouns	'I' 'me' 'mine'	

Deliberate Sentences

Emotion word, (comma)	In <mark>disbelief</mark> , he stared at the notice board
<mark>phrase.</mark>	

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phrase

Exhausted and aching, cold and hungry, at last they reached the summit.