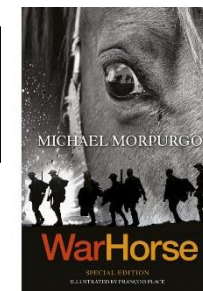


Knowledge Organiser – 'War Horse' By Michael Morpurgo



Quotes

"Any problem can be solved between people if only they can trust each other"

Characters

Joey	He is a horse (War Horse) and the narrator and hero of the novel.
Albert	A gentle young boy who develops a bond with Joey.
Albert's Mother	She is the quiet strength that underpins the family but her hands are tied with the rules and traditions of the time.
Albert's Father	A bully of a man with no time for empathy or sentiment – very proud and competitive.
Old Zoey	A sweet, older farm horse who takes Joey under his wing and helps him to learn.
Captain Nicholls	He pursues Joey for himself from Albert's father – he captains a regiment and is a strong leader.
Topthorn	A beautiful black horse who rides alongside Joey at the front of the cavalry.

Important Information

Plot

The novel is written from the point of view of Joey, a horse bought by the Army to serve in World War 1. It describes Joey's experiences, and details how Albert, Joey's former owner, tries to bring him home safely from France.

Themes

The impact of war and conflict
Friendship

Setting

The book is set within the English countryside of rural Devon.

Key Vocabulary

World War 1	A global conflict from 1914-1918 in which the main protagonists were Britain and Germany (& allies).
cavalry	Soldiers mounted on horseback
Trooper Corporal Sergeant Lieutenant Captain Major	Different ranks within the army (shown on order from junior to senior)
trench	An area between two trenches that belongs to neither side
no man's Land	A narrow ditch dug in the ground in which the soldiers lived and fought

Grammar

Cohesion, organisation presentation

Linking ideas across paragraphs
Writing cohesively
Presenting writing
Guiding the reader
Organising writing



