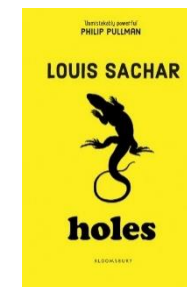


Knowledge Organiser – 'Holes' by Louis Sachar



Quotes

"If you take a bad boy and make him dig a hole every day in the hot sun, it will turn him into a good boy."

Characters

Stanley	The novel's protagonist – convicted of a crime he didn't commit.
Mr Pendanski	In charge of Tent D – Stanley's tent at Camp Green Lake.
Zero X-Ray Squid Magnet Armpit Zig-Zag	The boys at Camp Green Lake who are part of D Tent and befriend Stanley. Stanley develops a particular close bond with Zero and teaches him to read and write.
The Warden	The ultimate symbol of cruel authority at Camp Green Lake.
Kate Barlow	The school teacher-turned-outlaw who robbed Stanley's great-great-grandfather.

Important Information

Plot

Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a juvenile detention centre, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realise there's more than character improvement going on there.

Themes

Fate and free will, justice and judgement, choices, friendship, morality.

Setting

Camp Green Lake Detention Centre, Texas

Key Vocabulary

aimlessly	Without purpose or direction.
auction	public sale in which goods/property are sold to the highest bidder.
barren	land too poor to produce much or any vegetables/crops.
calloused	having an area of hardened skin.
counsellor	a person trained to give guidance on personal or psychological problems.
descendant	a person that is descended from a particular ancestor.
juvenile	for or relating to young people.
desolate	uninhabited and giving an impression of bleak emptiness.

Grammar

Complexities in Sentences

Identify the subject and object of a sentence. Understand the terms active and passive. Use relative clauses beginning with 'who', 'which', 'where', 'when', 'whose', 'that' or with an implied relative pronoun.



