

3eme International (St Denis International Class of 2021)

The 3eme international section prepares students for the Cambridge « Second Language » exam at the end of 3eme and begins preparations for « IGCSE English Literature » English exam taken at the end of 2NDE.

Ce cours est organisé exactement comme un cours d'anglais dans un pays anglophone. Les élèves de cette section seront traités comme s'ils étaient des élèves anglophones : ils seront en immersion totale dans la langue anglaise, écrite et parlée. Nous ne travaillerons pas la grammaire ; les élèves sont censés travailler leur anglais spontanément en lisant, en écrivant, etc. Nous avons conscience qu'un temps d'adaptation, parfois difficile, sera nécessaire aux élèves pour s'habituer à ces exigences, mais les résultats en valent la peine.

Les élèves de cette section doivent être motivés. Ils doivent être prêts à travailler dur, et apprécier lire, écrire, et parler en anglais.

Ils auront un examen à la rentrée sur le livre Holes. Ceux qui ont des résultats très faibles peuvent être exclus de section international.

This course is run exactly like an English course in an « anglophone » country. Students in this section will be treated as if they are anglophone students, meaning that they will be fully immersed in spoken and written English. While we realise it will take students some (perhaps difficult) adjustment time to get used to such high expectations, the results are worth it.

Students in this section must be **motivated**. They must be willing to **work hard**, and they must **enjoy** reading, writing, and speaking in English.

This year's exam will evaluate the student's ability to read, to understand, and to write creatively. At the end of the year on the Cambridge exam, students will be evaluated as if they were native English speakers.

THIS SUMMER, the 3ieme **students are expected to:**

- Buy and Read the book Holes by Louis Sachar
(see amazon.fr : I recommend the Cornelson 2005 version which has vocabulary words at the bottom of each page)
https://www.amazon.fr/Holes-Louis-Sachar/dp/3464310515/ref=sr_1_12?s=english-books&ie=UTF8&qid=1465816603&sr=1-12&keywords=holes
- Answer the reading comprehension questions for the book Holes
- Review grammar and spelling with the resources provided
- You can go to the International Section Blog throughout the summer for updates!
<http://internationalsection.edublogs.org/>
- OPTIONAL: Read a second book of their own choosing from the « Suggested Additional Reading » and complete an interview on their reading of the book for extra credit (5 extra points on the first DS)

When students return to school in September, they **will be tested** on their summer reading, on their ability to write about the summer reading, and their grammar. Students with insufficient marks will not be permitted to enter the International Section. We suggest, therefore, that students take their summer work seriously.

REQUIRED READING:

Holes by Louis Sachar

SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL READING:

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Tuesdays With Morrie by Mitch Albom

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusack

Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Joans

Crash by Jerry Spinelli

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

(Before selecting a book, use the internet to look up what each book is about to find one that interests you!)

TIPS FOR READING:

- Do NOT look up every single word you do not know in the dictionary. You will become too overwhelmed. Read first for basic understanding, and mark down (underline, mark the page) the words you don't know. Try to guess the meanings of the words based on the context, and if you can't MOVE ON. When you have finished a chapter, go back and look up a few of the words you marked (not ALL of them!).
- DO NOT watch a movie version of the book. I repeat, DO NOT. If you are having trouble understanding, look up a summary of the book to give you an idea of what you are looking at, but do not rely on the internet/films to understand. If YOU do not do the work to understand, there is no way you will improve your English.

READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

These questions are meant to guide you through the text and to help you study for the exam at the rentrée. Read the chapters indicated, then answer the questions after you have read.

Read chapters **1-5** and answer the following questions:

- 1) 'The only trees are two old oaks on the eastern edge of the "lake"'. Why is the word 'Lake' written in quotations?
- 2) Why would a camper at Camp Green Lake actually try to get bitten by a scorpion or even a rattlesnake?
- 3) Write down 5 things that we learn about the character Stanley Yelnats in chapter 3.
- 4) According to Stanley, what three things do you need to be a successful inventor?
- 5) What is special about the name 'Stanley Yelnats'?
- 6) Why is there no fence around Camp Green Lake?
- 7) What does Mr Sir mean when she says, 'This isn't Girl Scout camp'?
- 8) After reading the first five chapters, what do we know about why Stanley has been sent to Camp Green Lake?

Read chapters **6 – 8**, then answer the following questions.

- 1) Why did the teachers never take Stanley's complaints about Derrick Dunne seriously?
- 2) Why did Stanley feel like he was holding destiny's shoes?
- 3) Why did the patrol police car pull up next to Stanley?
- 4) What do we know about why Stanley has been arrested and sent to Camp Green Lake now?
- 5) Why do you think Clive Livingston had the nickname – 'Sweet Feet' if his shoes were 'anything but sweet'?
- 6) Why did X-ray claim to have his own special shovel, that no one else was allowed to touch?
- 7) Why did Madame Zeroni not think Myra Menke would be a good wife to Elya Yelnats?
- 8) Why did Elya tell Myra that she should marry Igor?
- 9) What does 'enviously' mean?
- 10) Why does Stanley's family always blame their 'no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather' when something bad happens?
- 11) Why is it significant that the author tells us that yellow-spotted lizards like to eat the shells of sunflower seeds?

Read chapters **9 -15** then answer the following questions:

1. Why was there no drain on the floor of the shower to catch all the water?
2. What did Stanley do to make sure his mum wouldn't worry about him?
3. Find evidence from chapter 9 that shows that X-ray, Armpit and Squid like and respect Stanley.
4. In chapter 11, why did Stanley think it was a good thing that he had promised to give anything interesting that he found to X-ray?
5. Why was it an inappropriate place for Stanley to mention wanting to work for the F.B.I.?
6. How had Stanley's body changed since arriving at Camp Green Lake? (Chapter 13)
7. How did X-ray show his appreciation to Stanley after he had given him the interesting object he had found?
8. What did Stanley find surprising about the warden?
9. At this point in the story, what do you think the warden is looking for?

10. Why do you think Stanley: 'Dug the hole into his memory'?

Read chapters **16 -20** then answer the following questions:

1. Why did Stanley decide not to go out at night and dig the hole himself?
2. **Find and copy** the sentence in chapter 18 that describe how Stanley's body has changed as a result of the digging at Camp Green Lake.
3. Define 'callused'.
4. Why do you think Squid react so angrily when Stanley asked if he was okay?
5. Why is it 'unfortunate' for Stanley that Mr Sir was not going to die?

Read chapters **21-25** then answer the following questions:

1. At the start of chapter 21, why does the author repeat the words from the previous chapter – '*He won't die, the warden had said. Unfortunately for you.*'
3. Why was Zero's hole smaller than the others holes?
4. In chapter 22, what does Stanley discover about the golden tube that he found?
5. Why is the fourth of July a special day in America? (The answer for this is not in the story!)
6. Why did everybody in the town of Green Lake expect Kate Barlow to marry Trout Walker?
7. In chapter 24, how does Mr Sir get his revenge on Stanley?
8. Why did Doc Hawthorn's head often smell of onions in the morning?

Read chapters **26-29** then answer the following questions:

1. In chapter 26 the reader discovers how Kate Barlow became the famous outlaw. Describe briefly what caused her to become an outlaw.
2. At the end of chapter 27, we find out Zero's real name. What is familiar about Zero's real name?
3. On page 121, how did Kate know that it was Trout Walker who had broken into the cabin before she actually saw him?
4. Define: 'loot'.
5. Why was Kate Barlow laughing as she died?

Read chapters **30-32** then answer the following questions:

1. In chapter 30, how does the way the other boys treat Stanley begin to change? Why do you think this is?
2. Why did the Warden not chase after Zero when he ran away?
3. 'She examined her fingernails and said, "It's almost time for me to paint my nails again."' What does the Warden mean by this comment?
4. In chapter 21, why did none of the other boys help Stanley to dig Zero's hole?
5. At the end of chapter 32, why does the author repeat the words 'empty, empty, empty'?

Read chapters **34-38** then answer the following questions:

1. Find an example of personification.
2. Define: Mirage.
3. Why do you think 'Barf Bag' stepped on a rattlesnake on purpose?
4. Why did Stanley keep taking a 'mental snapshot' of the Big Thumb?

5. Why was Stanley scared when he realised he was almost at the Big Thumb?
6. What was the first sign that Stanley and Zero were near water?
7. How was Stanley able to find water in the end?

Read chapters 39 – 42 then answer the following questions:

1. In chapter 39, what does Zero confess to doing?
2. Why did people snicker when Hattie Parker told Gladys Tennyson that she was looking lovely this morning?
3. Why did Hattie's face go red when Gladys Tennyson said that her daughter was sick because she had eaten some bad meat?
4. Define: contritely
5. In chapter 41, Zero describes how he used to steal the things that he needed. Do you think it was wrong of him to steal? Explain your opinion.
6. Why do you think that Stanley asks Zero if he wants to dig one more hole at the end of chapter 42?

GRAMMAR resources

Download Grammar Book (with explanations and worksheets):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B092tMTNXyTkTXRYamZwaONMVM8/view?usp=sharing>

Grammar computer games: <http://www.eslgamesplus.com/>