Refugee Boy – Chapter 9

LO:

* Show that you can think about the language used in fiction and non-fiction writing and the affect it has on the reader.
* Show that you can share and explain your opinions.

1) Alem starts the day by attending an assembly. What impression do you get of the school during the assembly?

2) How does Alem’s first day of school go? What sort of things might he have found interesting or different when compared to his experiences of school in Africa?

3) What effect does the letter have on Alem?

4) Alem says that ‘We are killing ourselves as if we never want to see ourselves again, and when you hate yourself that much, anything is possible’. What does he mean?

Re-read the letter from Alem’s father.

Highlight or underline 3 phrases within the letter that have a powerful impact on you. For example:  
  
‘Darkness is upon our land’ is quite a powerful phrase because it makes me think about the lights going out. The darkness means they cannot see the way ahead and there’s very little hope of things getting better. It makes me feel a bit scared about the future.

**You should try to explain why your quotes have such an impact on you and what that impact is.**