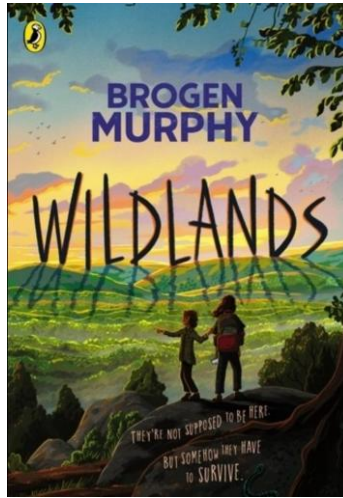


Year 6 Book Drop

wildlands

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Front Cover, Blurb and Extract from 2050

- What are your first impressions of the front cover?
- What does the author mean by 'resourcefulness'?
- Why were The Wildlands developed?
- Do you think this could really happen? What are the benefits/ disadvantages?

Chapter 0-3

- Why do you think the author begins the story with describing everyone as being absorbed in their devices?
- How does each sister react to seeing The Wildlands? Can you find examples in the text of the different responses?
- What do the sisters use animal puns?
- Find 2 examples across pages 13-15 that show the story is set in the future.
- What does the word 'jolted' on page 28 suggest about the way the train moved?
- Can you summarise what happens in Chpt 3 in 5 short sentences?

Chapter 4-6

- Why does Astrid blame Indie at the start of Chpt 4? What does this suggest about how she is feeling?
- Re-read Pg 40-44. Find examples of how the sisters react differently to being in The Wildlands.
- Find the metaphors on Pg 46. What effect do they have?
- On Pg 50, Astrid tells Indie that they are not lost. How do you know that she is secretly worried?
- Find a word on Pg 54 that suggests Astrid does not want to do something.

- How does Astrid finally figure out which direction they need to take?

Chapter 7-9

- "Then it hit her." Pg 64. What hit her?
- What does the word 'incredulously' mean on Pg 65?
- How did the challenge of the walk change on Pg 69?
- What is a 'capercaillie' (Pg 74) and why is Indie so surprised to see one?
- "A flame inside Astrid had been blown out." (Pg 78) What does metaphor suggest about how Astrid is feeling? Why is she feeling that this?
- What additional challenge do the sisters face at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 10-12

- "Astrid gingerly lowered her toe." (Pg 91) What does the word gingerly suggest about how she does this?
- What do you think 'something – or someone' is at the end of Chpt 10?
- How does Astrid stop Indie from being scared as she collects the 'roof' for the cave? (Pg 101)
- How does Indie know so many facts about the creatures they discover? Why is she not scared of them?
- Find a word on Pg 112 that suggests the walk was hard work.
- What did the sisters find at the end of Chpt 12? Why was it so surprising?

Chapter 13-15

- Can you find a further example on Pg 121 that the story is set in the future?
- What frightened the sisters on Pg 126?
- Can you find a word on Pg 128 to show that Astrid misses home?
- What does the phrase 'eating frenzy' suggest about how the sisters are eating?
- At the end of Chapter 14, why does Astrid want to gather water? Why does Ingrid? What does this tell us about each sister?
- Why is Indie so shocked when Astrid suggests catching a fish to eat on Pg 137?

Chapter 16-18

- Find a word on page 146 that suggests that Indie does not want to do what Astrid tells her to.
- Why was Indie against catching and killing the fish?
- Find two reasons why the sisters decided to light a fire, despite not needing it to cook the fish.
- What does the word 'oversaturate' on page 160 mean?
- Read the sentence on page 168 – 'She stared up at them, feeling both tiny and enormous at the same time.' What does the author mean by this?

Chapter 19-21

- Find a word on page 176 that is close to the meaning of 'without thinking' or 'automatically.'
- What two things did Astrid take from the burning building?
- What 'threw' Astrid sideways at the start of chapter 20?
- Why are drones not allowed in the Wildlands?

Chapter 21- 24

- How do you know that Indie's feet are hurting on Pg 194?
- Find a phrase on Pg 199 that shows Astrid was feeling guilty.
- What did the girls discover about The Wildlands on Pg 204?
- What effect does the phrase 'they turned and melted back into the trees' have on Pg 210?
- Why were the girls so desperate to light a fire on Pg 218-221? Can you find 3 pieces of evidence to prove it?

Chapter 25 – 28

- How does the author create a frightening atmosphere on Pg 236?
- How did Astrid wake up on Pg 24? How do you know?
- "All the fight suddenly drained out of Astrid" Pg 244. What does this tell us?
- What did the girls discover about the bear at the start of Chpt 27? Why was this so strange?
- "What's a zoo?" Pg 266 – Why do the girls not know what a zoo is?

Chapter 29- 32

- Astrid stays behind whilst Indie escapes. What does this tell us about her character?
- Re-read Pg 278-279. How have the poachers managed to avoid being caught for so long?
- What is a synonym for 'reverberated' on Pg 281?
- What caused Astrid to fall at the end of Chapter 30?
- Re-read the start of Chpt 32. How did Astrid know what to do with the broken leg?

Chapter 33- 36

- Find a word on Pg 310 that means 'felt ill.'
- How does Indie try and cheer her sister up on Pg 319?
- Re-read Astrid's first memories of her sister on Pg 330-331. What made her change her mind about her sister?
- What did Astrid find to help her in Chpt 35?
- Find a phrase on Pg 352 that shows Astrid was determined.

Chapter 37- end

- Why was Astrid crying as she ate the blackberries? Pg 355
- How does the author show that Astrid is confused and overwhelmed throughout Chapter 38?
- Look at the text layout at the start of Chapter 40. What effect does this have?
- How did Atari's know that Indie didn't hate her at the end of the story?

And that's it! We hope you have loved sharing this book as much as we did!