

## Week 8 Core Text Reading Comprehension Tasks: Year 5



### The Banana Tree

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Day	Pages	Stem	Questions
Monday 1.6.20	Read pages 136-138	<b>Predicting.</b> I wonder... I think... The next part will be about...  ...because....	What challenges do you think Gustus will face?  What clues from the story helped you to make this prediction?  <i>'In the hours the hurricane stayed, its presence made everybody older.'</i> What is the significance of this sentence?  <b>Clarify the words: landscape, urgent, doom-laden, district, gust</b>
Tuesday 2.6.20	Read pages 139-142	<b>Asking Questions</b> Who is...? Where are... How does he... What might happen if...?	Write 5 questions of your own.  Who, What, When, Where How? True or false? <b>Clarify the words: idle, wicket, hymn, resounding, repressed, umbilical</b>
Wednesday 3.6.20	Read pages 143-146	<b>Inferring</b> The word * tells me... The part * suggests... This makes me think that... I think the character is... I think the setting/mood is...	What is the mood in this part of the story? How do you know? What role does the setting have in the story?  <i>'Only the wind sneered.'..... 'The belligerent wind was merciless'</i> (pg. 143) What type of literary feature is this? What is the author trying to convey to the reader?  <b>Clarify the words: calamity, belligerent, dismay, turbulent, harbouring</b>
Thursday 4.6.20	Read pages 147-150	<b>Summarising</b> The key idea is... This part is about... The main theme is... The most important ideas are... <b>because....</b>	The main characters are.....  Summarise The Banana Tree in a few sentences.  What do you think the main themes of this story are?  <b>Clarify the words: thatched, turmoil, writhing, tormented, forlorn, onlooking</b>
Friday 5.6.20	Reread whole story (pages 136-150)	<b>Evaluating</b> The word _____ works well... I like the way the author uses... This sentence has high impact... It is clever how the author...  <b>because....</b>	Do you think Gustus did the right thing when he went out into the dangerous hurricane? Are some things worth the risk? Would you do anything differently if you were him?  Do you think Mr Bass was a 'good' father? Why or why not?  What are some of the new words you have encountered in this story?  Why do you think Gustus waited until his father found him before he let out his grief?