

Tuesday 9th June

Reading comprehension - Tommy's Little Battle, Part 1

Read the poem and complete the questions below.

Warm up

Read the title of this poem.

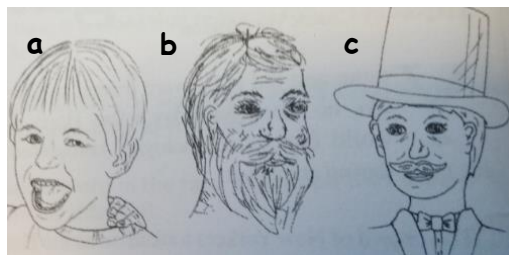
1. What do you think the main character will be like? _____ Why?

2. What do you think a 'little battle' might be? _____
3. This poem is narrated. What job does a narrator do? _____
4. How many verses does this narrated poem have? _____
5. Collect the words that rhyme below. They show that it's a poem rather than a story.

Essential Vocabulary

6. Read line 1 out loud. Did you read it quickly or slowly? _____
Why? _____ How did the punctuation help
you to make this decision? _____
7. Why do you think this idea is repeated in verse 6? _____

Look at the three faces.



8. Which do you think is Tommy? _____ Which is Tom? _____ Which is Thomas? _____

9. Find the word 'commence' in the final verse. Do you think it means 'to start' or 'to end'?

Main Questions

10. Do you think we will read the complete poem today? _____ Why?

11. Where is Tommy during this poem? (a) the kitchen (b) the bathroom or (c) his bedroom? _____

How do you know? _____

12. When Tommy woke up, did he do so quickly or slowly? _____

Which line in verse 2 tells us this? _____

13. What does Tommy do in verse 5 that suggested he is scared? _____

14. Do you think Tommy likes sport? Draw two things that suggest this.

15. In which verse does the poet change Tommy's name to 'Tom'? _____

What does this tell us about Tommy's character? _____

Reflection

16. Who do you think the Nark really is? (a) a monster, (b) a ghost or (c) Tommy's cat?

_____ Give three reasons why you think this.

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17. What does this tell us about Tommy? _____

18. Why do you think the poet chose to end part one where he did?

19. What do you think will happen next? _____