

## Read and Understand

(Chapter –The Bleeding Scream)

1. Would the person who high-fived August on the stairs have done so if they'd not been wearing masks? Why not?
2. In the first paragraph, August says he wants to be seen. Why?
3. How did August know that Darth Sidious was Julian? How is Julian's mask appropriate?
4. Why do you think August went to stand near the other boys?
5. Who is the second mummy?

## Portmanteau Words

In this activity, you will be learning about portmanteau words. An example of a portmanteau word being used in the Apples section, when Mom mentions 'evites'. English is one of the most versatile and malleable (look it up) languages in the world. It's a language that has influenced and come under the influence of many other languages over the years, usually through invasion or colonisation (look it up!).

Can you find the original words and meaning to these words? bionic, Bollywood, Brexit, emoticon, smog, telethon, vidiot

Can you find the meanings of these portmanteau words? cellfish, chairdrobe, floordrobe, youniverse, nonversation

## More Portmanteau Words

Research the portmanteau words that match these definitions:

- A mid-morning meal
- Take it easy!
- Gaining finance for a business venture from lots of people via the Internet
- A piece of music you can't get out of your head.
- Spending time under canvas, comfortably.
- Give a very rough idea of how much something will cost.
- A funny TV programme
- Remaining at home whilst on holiday.
- Instalment of a TV show that you watch on the Internet.

## Reflect and Respond

(Chapters – The Bleeding Scream)

1. August would be upset about two aspects of what the second mummy said. What are they?
2. Why do think August leaves the classroom at this point?
3. Why might it be ironic that August is proud to walk around in a scary 'freak mask'?
4. "Those who wear masks often tell us more truths than those with open faces." How is this true for August?
5. August is listening to the conversation throughout. At the point where Julian asks, "then why do you hang out with him so much?" how do you think August's emotions would change?



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- Mr Browne's October
- Apples
- Halloween
- School Pictures
- The Cheese Touch
- Costumes
- The Bleeding Scream
- Names

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## Explore Some More

(Chapters – The Cheese Touch & Costumes)

1. What's the difference between Tristan and Julian in the way they treat August?
2. Why does August like Halloween so much?
3. Do you think the astronaut helmet had been put in Gran's attic?
4. Why does August want to be Boba Fett from The Empire Strikes Back?
5. Why do you think Dad thinks Bleeding Scream is a better costume?

## Explore Some More

(Chapters – The Cheese Touch & Costumes)

1. Why do you think that dance class is August's least favourite subject?
2. Does August like science? How do you know?
3. Do you think the dance teacher was aware what was going on?
4. Why did August's hand touch Tristan's?
5. How do you think the cheese touch idea got started at Beecher Prep?

## Wonder Song by Natalie Merchant

Find the lyrics and watch the video of Wonder by Natalie Merchant. For each verse, write a commentary, giving your thoughts, opinions and interpretations of the words. The first verse is done for you as an example below:

**Verse 1** Doctors have come from distant cities...

**Commentary** I think that the woman's medical condition is so serious and unusual that specialists have had to travel from far away to help her. They can't believe she can live like she does with the disabilities she has. It's quite shocking because you put your trust in doctors but they're standing there disbelieving what they see. It would make me feel hopeless if I were their patient.

You can lay this out in a table format or a format of your choice

## Speech and Action

Make a list of synonyms for 'said'. Put these into sentences.

Speech action is where **action** is included in the sentence with the speech.

*"Hold onto me, honey," said mum, **putting one hand on my arm and her arm under mine.***

Write a short scene where a young child has injured themselves in the playground and you and friend go to help them. Use as many 'speech-action' sentences as you can.