

Knowledge Organiser Wreck of the Zanzibar by Michael Morpurgo

Can discuss a book that has been read, taking turns and listening to what others have to say. Can ask questions to improve understanding of the text.

Can infer characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions and justify these inferences with evidence from the text. Can identify a main idea from an extract of text.

Be able to justify their views drawing evidence from the text and explain their understanding through presentation and debate.

Star vocabulary

Schooner sailing boat

Coxswain person who steers boat

Gannets seabirds

Harbour where ships/boats are docked

Gig fast & light rowing/sailing boat

Limpets snails with a shell

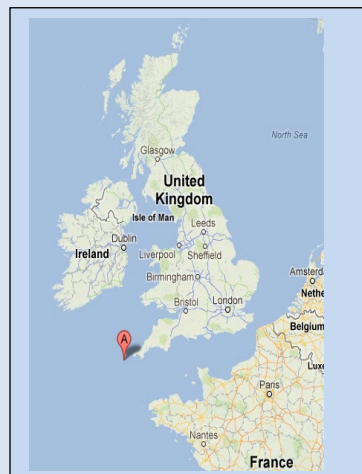
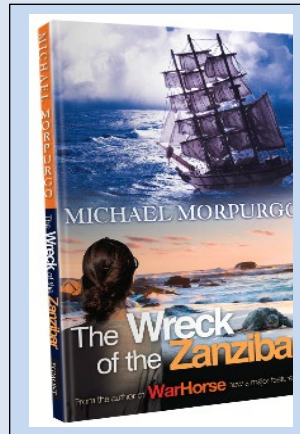
Gaunt thin and bony

Founder a person who manufactures articles of cast metal

Staggers the inability to stand or walk steadily, especially as a result of giddiness

Stern (of a person or their manner) serious and unrelenting,

Bleak charmless and inhospitable; dreary



Context

Story unfolds in journal entries made in 1907 and 1908 on one of Britain's Scilly isles.

Life for many during this time was bleak and full of hardship.

Genre

Historical fiction

Key characters

Michael

Granny May

Laura-Perryman

Billy Perryman

Zanzibar

Author - Michael Morpurgo



British author born October 5th 1943

Graduated from university and became a primary school teacher

Has written over 120 books

Some of his favourite authors include:
Robert Louis Stevenson, Ted Hughes
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His favourite animals are elephants.