

## ***The Nowhere Emporium* by Ross Mackenzie**

Age 9-11

### **Reasons for selection and synopsis**

*This thrilling story is about a young orphan called Daniel who discovers a mysterious shop.*

*This tale is enveloped in mystery and magic. Daniel enters the shop to escape the bullies and his life is turned upside down.*

*The author uses time travel to switch between the past and present, allowing us to construct an understanding of how the Nowhere Emporium came to be.*

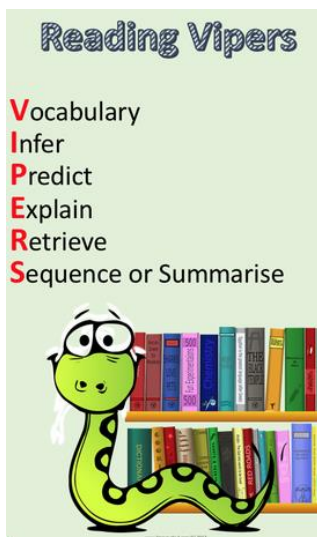
*This thriller will keep readers hooked and the element of surprise knocks you off your feet when you least expect it.*

### **Before reading...**

Ask the children to look at the front cover. What do you think the book will be about? What things can you see on the front cover?

What sort of story will it be? Who might enjoy it and why?

What could the 'Nowhere Emporium' be?



Where is the story set?

What might be inside the 'Nowhere Emporium'?

Now read the blurb. Has this changed your prediction for the story? Make a more accurate prediction.

*The following questions are designed as prompts only – allow the children to come up with their own questions and ideas. They will be much more engaged this way!*

Vocabulary	<p>What does it mean if you're a 'wee man'?</p> <p>What is a 'gargoyle'?</p> <p>Define 'wailing'.</p> <p>Find and copy a word which means the same as 'shake'.</p> <p>What is an 'orphan'?</p>
Infer	<p>Find and copy a sentence which shows Daniel wanted to escape Glasgow.</p> <p>What do you think 'St. Catherine's' is?</p> <p>How do you think Daniel felt behind the shop door?</p> <p>How do you know the man was angry with Daniel?</p> <p>Find and copy a sentence which shows the magpies were staring at Daniel.</p> <p>How do you think Daniel felt when he saw the magpies fly out of the curtain?</p>
Predict	Predict what Daniel will do in the next chapter.
Explain	Explain what the author meant by a 'cave of wonders'.
Retrieve	<p>What day was it?</p> <p>Find and copy three shops on the narrow street.</p> <p>What two colours did Daniel see in the shop?</p> <p>What were the soldiers made out of?</p> <p>What was on the man's desk?</p> <p>What was Daniel's dad's job?</p> <p>Why was Spud chasing Daniel?</p> <p>What was the weather like?</p>
Summarise	Use one word to describe Spud Harper in this chapter. Now, explain why you chose that word.

### The Return Customer

Vocabulary	<p>What does it mean if you 'retrace your steps'?</p> <p>Find and copy a word which means the same as 'inspected'.</p> <p>What does it mean if the light is 'dim'?</p> <p>Define 'retreated'.</p> <p>Define 'ashen'.</p>
Infer	<p>Do you think Daniel enjoys life at the orphanage?</p> <p>Why do you think Daniel was torn about whether to go in the shop?</p> <p>Why do you think Daniel 'treaded softly' in the shop?</p> <p>Find and copy a sentence which shows the shopkeeper was angry.</p> <p>Why do you think the shopkeeper was shocked at Daniel?</p>
Predict	<p>Predict what might Alex do with his superpower.</p>
Explain	<p>Why do you think the author wrote '<i>The Nowhere Emporium</i>' in italics?</p>
Retrieve	<p>Why was the back door of the orphanage left open?</p> <p>What colour was the sign?</p> <p>What did Daniel feel when he walked into the shop?</p> <p>What colour were the birds?</p> <p>What did the shopkeeper smell like?</p> <p>Where did the man grab Daniel?</p>
Summarise	<p>Use the shopkeeper in one word. Then, explain why you chose this word.</p>

### Ambushed

Vocabulary	<p>What does it mean if your stomach 'sinks to somewhere beneath your knees'?</p> <p>Find and copy a word which means the same as 'unclear'.</p>
Infer	<p>How do you think Daniel felt when he saw the door by the stage?</p> <p>What do you think happened when Daniel heard the car horn?</p> <p>What could the 'flash of silver' be?</p>
Predict	Predict what will happen next to Daniel after this chapter.
Explain	Explain why the author wrote 'As. Long. As. It. Took' like this?
Retrieve	<p>When did they have fire drill day?</p> <p>What was the name of their teacher?</p> <p>Who is Smitty?</p> <p>Where did the back door take Danny?</p> <p>What colour suit was the person wearing?</p>
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in one sentence.

### The Monster

Vocabulary	What is a 'goatee'?
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	<p>What is an 'asylum'?</p> <p>What does it mean if you're 'scrawny'?</p>
Infer	<p>Why do you think the man at the door stepped up so he was at the same level as the master?</p> <p>Find and copy a sentence which shows the orphanage was an unwelcoming place.</p> <p>Find and copy a sentence which shows the man arrived at an unusual time.</p> <p>Where do you think the boy is kept?</p> <p>Who do you think the boy has gone at the end of this chapter?</p> <p>Why do you think Vindictus Sharpe has no recollection of last night's events?</p>
Predict	Predict what the child's 'condition' could be.
Explain	Explain the choice behind the title of this chapter.
Retrieve	<p>What was the name of the orphanage?</p> <p>What was the name of the man at the door?</p> <p>What adjective is used to describe the man's shoulder?</p> <p>How long had the boy been at the orphanage?</p> <p>What was on the portraits?</p> <p>What does the boy enjoy doing?</p> <p>What colour were the master's eyes?</p> <p>Why was the master not scared of the boy?</p>
Summarise	Summarise the character of 'the boy' in one word. Then, explain why you chose this word.

Through The Doors	
Vocabulary	Define 'contemplate'.

	What does it mean if you're 'babbling'?
Infer	<p>Why do you think Daniel patted himself on the chest?</p> <p>Why was the wagon so special?</p> <p>How do you think Daniel felt when he walked beyond the blue door?</p>
Predict	Predict what else could be beyond the blue door.
Explain	Explain why the author writes ' <i>Am I dead?</i> ' in italics.
Retrieve	<p>Find two things Daniel could hear from his bed.</p> <p>What colour was the door?</p> <p>Find and copy a sentence which shows the air was sweet.</p> <p>Where had Daniel been staying?</p> <p>Why was Daniel's tongue sticking to the roof of his mouth?</p> <p>What did Daniel drink?</p> <p>What did the owner of the 'Nowhere Emporium' catch yesterday?</p>
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in no more than two sentences.

<b>A Bargain with Lucien Silver</b>	
Vocabulary	<p>Define 'comprehend'.</p> <p>Define 'interfered'.</p>

	<p>Define 'persuasion'.</p> <p>What does it mean if you're a 'lunatic'?</p>
Infer	<p>Find and copy a sentence which shows there were circles in the tea cup.</p> <p>Why do you think Lucien saved Daniel?</p> <p>Find and copy a sentence which shows it was foggy.</p> <p>How do you know people leave the Emporium happy?</p> <p>Why do you think Lucien calls him 'my boy'?</p>
Predict	Predict what the boy will decide to do.
Explain	Explain why Lucien doesn't let people leave the Emporium with memories of it.
Retrieve	<p>What was the curtain made out of?</p> <p>What does Lucien Silver do?</p> <p>What does the Emporium do?</p> <p>What is the 'trunk' of the Emporium?</p> <p>Where can you fly?</p> <p>Find and copy three reasons why Daniel should join Lucien in the Emporium.</p>
Summarise	Summarise the chapter in one sentence.

Opening Night	
Vocabulary	<p>What does it mean if you 'adjust' something?</p> <p>Define 'curious'.</p>

	<p>What does a 'futile attempt' mean?</p> <p>What is a 'vendor'?</p>
Infer	<p>Why do you think Daniel felt the days went fast?</p> <p>Find and copy a sentence which shows Daniel was engrossed by the Emporium.</p> <p>Why do you think Daniel is still cautious about everything?</p> <p>Why do you think some people 'ignore the unknown'?</p> <p>Do you think the Nowhere Emporium should be classed as a 'shop'?</p> <p>Why do you think Mr Silver compares imagination to 'a tree'?</p>
Predict	Predict what Mr Silver might do to test Daniel.
Explain	Explain why people should 'dare to wonder'.
Retrieve	<p>How does Mr Silver 'travel'?</p> <p>What was on the table top?</p> <p>What is Daniel's first job in the Emporium?</p> <p>When does the Emporium open?</p> <p>Find and copy two things Daniel could smell behind the curtain.</p> <p>What was the bare-chested man doing?</p> <p>What talent did Mr Silver give Daniel?</p> <p>What 'chipped away' at Daniel's armour?</p> <p>What colour was Mr Silver's scarf?</p> <p>What is the liquid made up of?</p>
Summarise	Summarise the chapter in no more than three sentences.

### A New Project

Vocabulary	<p>What is a 'butler'?</p> <p>What does it mean if you 'dabble'?</p>
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	Define 'replica'.
Infer	Find and copy a sentence which shows the house was very big. Find and copy a sentence which shows Birdie was shocked with the boy's trick.
Predict	Predict what Vindictus, Birdie and the boy will do next.
Explain	Explain why Vindictus Snape wanted the boy with him.
Retrieve	What did Vindictus Sharpe knock on the door with? How long had it been since Vindictus and Ms Sandford saw each other? What did Sharpe have to drink? Why did Sharpe stop performing in magic shows? What magic trick did the boy perform?
Summarise	Summarise the character of Birdie in one word. Then, explain why you chose this word.

The Book Of Wonders	
Vocabulary	Define 'commence'. What does the author mean by 'countless doors'? Define 'startled'.

	What does it mean you are 'accomplished'?
Infer	<p>Why do you think Daniel was shaking when he woke up?</p> <p>Why do you think the girl kept running away from Daniel?</p> <p>Find and copy a sentence which shows the 'Book Of Wonders' was old.</p> <p>What do you think the author means by '<i>suddenly the world was alive with colour... he was not prepared to return to the grey</i>'?</p> <p>Why wasn't Daniel sure about walking around the Emporium by himself?</p>
Predict	Predict what Daniel will do in the next chapter.
Explain	Explain how the Nowhere Emporium works.
Retrieve	<p>What colour was the ink on the letter to Daniel?</p> <p>What does Mr Silver 'create'?</p> <p>Why does Mr Silver now need an assistant?</p> <p>What does each page in the Book Of Wonders tell us?</p> <p>What was the lake made from?</p> <p>Who lives on the grassland?</p> <p>What was Daniel's first test?</p> <p>Why did Daniel put snow globes in his room?</p> <p>What can you do with a snow globe?</p>
Summarise	Summarise the room Daniel created in one sentence.
Writing Opportunity	Children create their own magical room for the Emporium Book Of Wonders.

<b>The Girl At The Door</b>	
Vocabulary	<p>Define 'labyrinth'.</p> <p>What does it mean if you're 'oblivious' to something?</p>

	<p>What does it mean if you're a 'skivvy'?</p> <p>Find and copy a word which means the same as 'stop'.</p> <p>Define 'apprentice'.</p>
Infer	<p>Find and copy five words which show Venice was quiet.</p> <p>Why do you think the girl was crying?</p> <p>How do you think Ellie feels about her life in the Emporium?</p> <p>Why do you think Daniel took a 'slow step back' outside the Leap of Faith room?</p> <p>Why do you think Daniel felt as 'free as an eagle'?</p> <p>Why do you think Caleb loved the bear so much?</p> <p>Why is Ellie so lonely?</p>
Predict	Predict what Mr Silver might say to Daniel in the next chapter.
Explain	Explain how Daniel and Ellie are similar.
Retrieve	<p>What was the girl holding on to?</p> <p>Why did Mr Silver ask Ellie to stay away from Daniel?</p> <p>What did the girl accuse Daniel of doing?</p> <p>Where did Ellie and Daniel race to?</p> <p>What stone was in the staff room?</p> <p>Where do the staff stay at the Emporium?</p> <p>Why don't the performers leave the Emporium?</p> <p>What was the stuffed bear called?</p>
Summarise	Describe Ellie in one word. Then explain why you chose this word.

### Blade Of Fire

Vocabulary	<p>What does it mean if you're 'disguising a limp'?</p> <p>What is an 'apothecary'?</p>
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	What does it mean if your face is 'impassive'?
Infer	<p>Why do you think Mr Silver was in a bad mood?</p> <p>Find and copy a phrase which shows Mr Silver bought more than one item from the shop.</p> <p>What do you think Mr Silver did to the mugger?</p>
Predict	Predict what Mr Silver was looking for in the shops.
Explain	Explain why the author calls this chapter 'Blade Of Fire'.
Retrieve	<p>Where was the Nowhere Emporium now?</p> <p>What did the stall sell?</p> <p>What was Mr Silver looking for?</p> <p>What was the mugger holding?</p> <p>What did the mugger ask for?</p>
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in no more than two sentences.

Friction	
Vocabulary	<p>Define 'agonising'.</p> <p>What does it mean if you're in the 'bowels of the theatre'?</p> <p>Define 'deluded'.</p>

	What is an 'urchin'?
Infer	<p>How do we know the apprentice was fearless?</p> <p>How do we know the apprentice likes Birdie?</p> <p>Why do you think the apprentice 'cringed' as the mentor looked at his book?</p> <p>Do you think Vindictus was being fair to the apprentice?</p>
Predict	Predict what was in the boy's book.
Explain	Explain what impression you get of Vindictus Sharpe in this chapter.
Retrieve	<p>What was Vindictus Sharpe regarded as?</p> <p>Why did the audience scream?</p> <p>What did the dagger turn into?</p> <p>Why did the boy have doubts over the show?</p> <p>What city was their first show in?</p> <p>What did Birdie threaten to do with the boy?</p> <p>What was the boy's name?</p>
Summarise	Pick one word to describe Birdie in this chapter. Then, explain why you chose this word.

The Golden Rule	
Vocabulary	Define 'ashamed'.
Infer	<p>Do you think Ellie is jealous of Daniel?</p> <p>Why do you think Ellie is upset with Silver?</p>

	<p>Why do you think Daniel felt a flutter in his chest when he opened the draw?</p> <p>When do you think Daniel regretted writing in the Book Of Wonders?</p> <p>What do you think the second test was?</p> <p>Why were Daniel's actions really dangerous?</p>
Predict	Predict what may happen to Silver in upcoming chapters.
Explain	Explain what 'The Golden Rule' is.
Retrieve	<p>What cheered Daniel up?</p> <p>What did Silver have to drink?</p> <p>What knocked over on Silver's desk?</p> <p>What could you hear behind the door?</p> <p>What can't magic do?</p>
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in no more than three sentences.

## Truce

Vocabulary	Find and copy a word which means the same as 'flopped'.
Infer	Why do you think the customer shivered? Why do you think they terrorised the man? Why do you think Silver makes a lot of effort for the ball?
Predict	Predict what event may take place in the next chapter.
Explain	Explain why the author gave this chapter the title 'Truce'.
Retrieve	Find and copy two adjectives which show Silver is becoming more ill. What was the man in the shop wearing? What did Daniel duck behind? What was Anja covered in? What was Daniel invited to? Why does Caleb love the balls? Why was the Emporium so empty? Why did Silver want to leave?
Summarise	Describe Ellie and her father's relationship in no more than two sentences.

## Bizarre's Bazaar

Vocabulary	<p>What is a 'skyscraper'?</p> <p>Define 'avarice'.</p>
Infer	<p>Why do you think Ellie has a 'bravado' and 'hides behind her armour'?</p> <p>Why do you think the 'item' wasn't cheap?</p> <p>How do we know the shopkeeper was a little scared of Silver?</p>
Predict	What 'elusive treasure' could Silver be hunting for?
Explain	Explain why the author called this chapter 'Bizarre's Bazaar'?
Retrieve	<p>What was Silver writing?</p> <p>What was binding Ellie and Daniel together?</p> <p>Find and copy one reasons why Daniel thought Silver was acting strange.</p> <p>Why did Daniel want to go outside with Silver?</p> <p>What was carved into the doorframe?</p> <p>What did the shopkeeper collect from under his desk?</p> <p>Find and copy two adjectives that describe Silver's suit.</p>
Summarise	Summarise what happened in Bizarre's Bazaar in one sentence.

## Invitations



Vocabulary	<p>Define 'opulence'.</p> <p>Think of a word that is synonymous with 'humiliated'.</p> <p>Define 'enchanted'.</p>
Infer	<p>Why do you think the partygoers were compared to 'sleepwalkers'?</p> <p>How do you think Vindictus Sharpe got into the party?</p>
Predict	Predict what Vindictus Sharpe is going to do at the party.
Explain	Explain the reasoning behind the chapter title.
Retrieve	<p>Who lived in Room 108?</p> <p>What were Anja and Caleb playing in the hotel room?</p> <p>What colours were the glittering clothes?</p> <p>What did the suit turn into?</p> <p>Where did they put the birds?</p> <p>How many cages were there?</p> <p>Why did they unlock all the cages by the Emporium entrance?</p> <p>What colour were the velvet ball gowns?</p> <p>When did the clocks kick back to life?</p> <p>When did the partygoers 'awaken'?</p>
Summarise	Summarise the events of this chapter in two sentences.

## Ghosts

Vocabulary	<p>Define 'arched'.</p> <p>What is a 'goblet'?</p> <p>Define 'chandelier'.</p>
Infer	<p>Why do you think Daniel was not happy with Ellie at the ball?</p> <p>How do you think Ellie is feeling at the party?</p> <p>Why do you think Vindictus Sharpe lowered his bowler hat at Silver?</p> <p>What do you think Vindictus Sharpe whispered in Silver's ear?</p> <p>Find and copy a phrase which shows Daniel drank all of the liquid.</p>
Predict	Predict what Vindictus Sharpe whispered in Silver's ear.
Explain	Explain why the Emporium staff 'cornered' guests at the party.
Retrieve	<p>What colour were the door handles to the ballroom?</p> <p>What was the floor made out of?</p> <p>What could you see if you looked up to the ceiling in the ballroom?</p> <p>What did the waiter offer Daniel?</p> <p>What 'blew out'?</p>
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in one sentence.

### A Parting Of Ways

Vocabulary	What is a 'eulogy'?
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Infer	<p>Why do you think Silver and Sharpe did not acknowledge each other at first?</p> <p>Do you think Birdie was 'foolish'?</p> <p>Why do you think Sharpe sacked Silver?</p>
Predict	Predict what Silver will do next.
Explain	Explain the reasoning behind the chapter title.
Retrieve	<p>Whose funeral was taking place?</p> <p>What season of the year was it?</p> <p>What had 'run its course'?</p> <p>Why didn't Lucien want to be paid for last night's performance?</p> <p>What did Lucien put on the headstone?</p> <p>How did Lucien think Sharpe 'lived forever'?</p> <p>What did Lucien have in his pocket?</p>
Summarise	Summarise the relationship between Silver and Sharpe in one sentence.

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Vocabulary	<p>Define 'shrivelled'.</p> <p>What does it mean if something is 'scorched away'?</p>

	<p>Define 'abruptly'.</p> <p>What does it mean if you 'abandon' someone?</p>
Infer	<p>Why do you think the message ends so suddenly?</p> <p>Why are Daniel and Ellie 'in the dark'?</p> <p>Why do you think they wanted to send search parties to find Silver and not just look themselves?</p> <p>Why did Ellie feel 'crestfallen'?</p> <p>How did everyone react then they heard Mr Silver was missing?</p>
Predict	Predict why the Emporium could be in deep trouble.
Explain	Explain why Daniel is returning to Bizarre's Bazaar.
Retrieve	<p>What 'sharp' thing escaped from a door in the Emporium?</p> <p>Find and copy two things they 'searched through' for Silver.</p> <p>What was appearing on the Emporium walls?</p> <p>What was the 'rumour'?</p> <p>What city did Silver find his 'treasure'?</p>
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<b>Blood And Snow</b>	
Vocabulary	<p>What do you think the 'sparkling white canvas' was?</p> <p>What does it mean if something is beginning to 'decay'?</p>

Infer	<p>Do you think Ellie cares for Daniel?</p> <p>Find and copy two words which show Manhattan was quiet.</p> <p>Why do you think the shopkeeper's first words to Daniel were "no refunds"?</p> <p>Why do you think the man in the Emporium took out a picture of him and Silver?</p> <p>Do you think Daniel should trust Vindictus?</p>
Predict	Predict why Silver bought the unicorn blood.
Explain	Explain why Ellie was a little upset about Daniel writing in the book.
Retrieve	<p>What was the customer browsing in the shop?</p> <p>Find and copy an adjective to describe the shopkeeper's teeth.</p> <p>What else is 'unicorn blood' called?</p> <p>What did the shopkeeper like most about 'unicorn blood'?</p> <p>What could Daniel taste?</p> <p>What was Ellie dabbing Daniel with?</p>
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in no more than two sentences.

Fear	
Vocabulary	<p>What is a 'hieroglyph'?</p> <p>What is a 'sarcophagus'?</p>

	<p>What does it mean if the cracks in the walls were becoming more 'pronounced'?</p> <p>Think of a word that is synonymous with 'battered'.</p>
Infer	<p>Do you think that 'fear is weakness' as Sharpe suggests?</p> <p>What do you think Sharpe means by 'Lucien is the anchor'?</p> <p>Do you think Daniel should create a door to find Lucian?</p>
Predict	<p>Predict what will happen if Daniel creates his own room to find Silver.</p>
Explain	<p>Explain what Daniel is most scared of.</p> <p>Explain what 'raw magic' is and whether it is dangerous or not.</p>
Retrieve	<p>What wonder were Daniel and Sharpe searching from top to bottom?</p> <p>What do we have to do to 'learn'?</p> <p>What flew out of the tomb?</p> <p>What must you be to be a 'great magician'?</p> <p>What could you see in the room full of 'wreckage'?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise Sharpe in one word in this chapter. Then explain why you chose this word.</p>

<b>Hands In The Darkness</b>	
Vocabulary	<p>What does it mean if you're 'emaciated'?</p> <p>What does it mean if you let out a 'guttural scream'?</p>

Infer	How do we know Daniel was feeling nervous standing outside the door?  Do you think Daniel should trust Vindictus?
Predict	Predict what Vindictus Sharpe may do in the next chapter.
Explain	Explain why the author writes ' <i>Book Of Wonders</i> ' in italics?
Retrieve	What did the latch on the door sound like?  What was 'suffocating' Daniel?  What did the voice whisper?  How did Daniel get rid of the door?  What happened every time Sharpe saw the book?
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in no more than two sentences.

### Creation

Vocabulary	What does it mean if you stay somewhere 'modest'?  What does it mean if you are 'bewitched'?
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Infer	<p>Do you think Silver likes being back in Edinburgh?</p> <p>Why do you think 'word of mouth' could be 'magic itself'?</p> <p>Do you think Vindictus Sharpe has influenced Silver's life?</p> <p>Find and copy a phrase which shows Silver was making a lot of money.</p>
Predict	Predict what could happen in the next chapter. The chapter title is 'Rescue'.
Explain	<p>Explain why the author writes Sharpe's words to Silver in italics.</p> <p>Explain the reasoning behind the chapter title.</p>
Retrieve	<p>What train station did Silver arrive at?</p> <p>What was Silver's chin dotted with?</p> <p>Why was the baker shop empty?</p> <p>What was the new building made out of?</p> <p>What did Silver have 'no intention' of doing?</p>
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in no more than two sentences.

Rescue	
Vocabulary	<p>Find and copy a word which means the same as 'not bright'.</p> <p>What is a 'vendor'?</p>

	<p>What does it mean if there is a 'phantom sighting'?</p> <p>What is a 'shard'?</p>
Infer	<p>How do you think Daniel feels about Ellie and why?</p> <p>How do you think Daniel felt when he saw Anja?</p> <p>How does Vindictus make Daniel feel guilty?</p> <p>Find and copy a phrase which shows Vindictus was excited to read the Book Of Wonders.</p>
Predict	Predict what Daniel will think about when he wakes up.
Explain	Explain how the staff in the Emporium are different to Daniel.
Retrieve	<p>Why were the staff becoming weak?</p> <p>What was the only thing Daniel saw Sharpe eat or drink?</p> <p>What was Caleb's role?</p> <p>Where has Ellie gone?</p> <p>Find and copy two adjective used to describe the glass palace.</p> <p>Who was lying on the glass table?</p> <p>How did Vindictus save Anja?</p> <p>What was Daniel drinking by the fire?</p>
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in no more than forty words.

<b>The Nothingness</b>	
Vocabulary	<p>Define 'warped'.</p> <p>What are 'fissures'?</p>

	<p>Define 'lurched'.</p> <p>What does it mean if you're 'indebted' to someone?</p>
Infer	<p>Why do you think Daniel had fell to sleep so quickly?</p> <p>Why do you think Daniel handed over the 'Book Of Wonders'?</p> <p>Find and copy a phrase which shows Daniel was regretting giving Sharpe the book.</p> <p>Why do you think Daniel 'had to go on' in the hotel?</p> <p>Why do you think Daniel's legs were burning when he reached the tenth floor?</p> <p>Why don't you think Daniel admitted to giving the book away?</p>
Predict	Predict why Silver wants Ellie to stay in the shop.
Explain	Explain why the author wrote ' <i>I'm dead</i> ' in italics.
Retrieve	<p>Why was the corridor in darkness?</p> <p>What did the air smell like?</p> <p>Why were some passages flooded with water?</p> <p>What might've 'swallowed' Ellie?</p> <p>What colour was the carpet?</p> <p>Who saved Daniel?</p> <p>Who is Mr Bobo?</p> <p>Where were all the ill taken?</p>
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in no more than three sentences.

<b>An Unexpected Visitor</b>	
Vocabulary	<p>What does a 'blur of smiles' suggest?</p> <p>Define 'intoxicating'.</p>

Infer	<p>Why do you think Vindictus visited the Emporium?</p> <p>How do we know Michelle liked Silver?</p> <p>Why do you think Silver created wonders for Michelle?</p>
Predict	Predict what Michelle had 'next on her list'.
Explain	Explain why Silver was happy to show Vindictus around the Emporium.
Retrieve	<p>Who is Michelle?</p> <p>Where had Michelle been most of her life?</p> <p>Why was Vindictus Sharpe in Edinburgh?</p> <p>Find and copy two adjectives to describe Michelle.</p>
Summarise	Summarise the character of Michelle in one word. Then, explain why you chose this word.

### The Truth

Vocabulary	<p>Find and copy a word which means the same as 'nervously'.</p> <p>Define 'fatal'.</p>
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	<p>What does it mean if your mind is 'clouding'?</p> <p>Define 'cowardice'.</p> <p>What does it mean if you're 'sneering'?</p>
Infer	<p>Why do you think everything in the Emporium was 'crumbling much faster'?</p> <p>Why do you think the fountain isn't running anymore?</p> <p>Do you think Daniel is to blame for the Emporium's demise?</p> <p>Do you think Daniel is brave or stupid?</p>
Predict	<p>Predict what may happen in the next chapter. It is titled 'Reunited'.</p>
Explain	<p>Explain why you think the author describes Vindictus as having 'cold, blue eyes'.</p> <p>Why did Vindictus Sharpe have to use 'aggressive measures' to get the book?</p>
Retrieve	<p>What did the magpies do to help Daniel?</p> <p>What was the frozen pond surrounded by?</p> <p>What was the 'lifeblood' of the Emporium?</p> <p>Who was Lucien running from?</p> <p>What two animals does Vindictus compare Lucien to?</p>
Summarise	<p>Summarise the character of Vindictus in this chapter in one word. Then, explain why you chose this word.</p>

### Reunited

Vocabulary	<p>Find and copy a word which shows Daniel was holding the book tightly.</p>
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	What does it mean if your lips move 'wordlessly'?
Infer	<p>Why do you think Ellie was 'jumping on the spot'?</p> <p>Why do you think Silver couldn't face Vindictus Sharpe?</p> <p>Do you think Ellie is still mad at her father?</p> <p>How do we know Daniel feels guilty?</p>
Predict	Predict what Daniel and Ellie will do to save the Emporium.
Explain	Explain why Vindictus Sharpe needs to find Silver.
Retrieve	<p>What did Daniel imagine Vindictus Sharpe posing as?</p> <p>What sparkled on the dark surface?</p> <p>How high was the water?</p> <p>Where does Daniel think Ellie's father is?</p>
Summarise	Summarise the chapter in one sentence.

<b>Stolen and The Library Of Souls</b>	
Vocabulary	<p>What does it mean if something is 'regimented'?</p> <p>What does it mean if you commit an 'atrocious'?</p>

	What does it mean if you're 'incubating' something?
Infer	<p>Do you think Michelle loved Lucien?</p> <p>How do we know the bookcases were tall?</p> <p>Would you have read your story if you were in the library of souls?</p> <p>Why do you think Vindictus Sharpe's soul was unreadable?</p> <p>How do you think Daniel and Ellie felt when they were in the boat with Lucien's book in their hands?</p>
Predict	Predict why the magpies are helping Daniel and Ellie.
Explain	Explain why Michelle didn't reach out a hand to save Lucien.
Retrieve	<p>Find and copy one thing that was in the 'music mine'.</p> <p>What was every petal made out of?</p> <p>What did Lucien drink on the table?</p> <p>What were described as 'blinking stars'?</p> <p>What is the most 'precious story of all'?</p> <p>What can you find out about in the library of souls?</p> <p>What was the canal made out of?</p> <p>What was the boat 'tossed about' like?</p>
Summarise	Summarise the chapters in no more than four sentences.

### Memorium

Vocabulary	<p>What is an 'usher'?</p> <p>What is a 'gargoyle'?</p>
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	What does it mean if your expression is 'vacant'?
Infer	<p>Why do you think they needed Silver's hair?</p> <p>Who was the protégé?</p> <p>Who was the baby left on the doorstep?</p> <p>Why do you think they couldn't watch the final scene?</p>
Predict	The next chapter is called 'Silver's Secret'. What could happen in this chapter?
Explain	Explain why the author writes ' <i>A secret</i> ' in italics?
Retrieve	<p>What did they collect from Silver's apartment?</p> <p>Why was the Emporium becoming hard to navigate?</p> <p>What was 'flooding'?</p> <p>What was covering one of the usher's eyes?</p> <p>Where did the light come from?</p>
Summarise	Summarise the story of Silver and Sharpe in two sentences.

<b>Silver's Secret</b>	
Vocabulary	Define 'reverberated'.
Infer	How do you think they could get a hair from Sharpe's head?



	<p>Do you think Ellie enjoys not growing older?</p> <p>Do you think Daniel would have stayed at the Emporium if he knew he wouldn't get any older?</p>
Predict	Predict what may happen in the next chapter. It is titled 'Splitting Hairs'.
Explain	Explain why the author gave this chapter the title 'Silver's Secret'.
Retrieve	<p>What was Daniel looking for in the secrets room?</p> <p>Why couldn't Daniel find out what Silver's secret was?</p> <p>Why did they need a hair from Sharpe's head?</p> <p>How many times has Ellie turned twelve?</p> <p>Where does time pass?</p>
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in no more than two sentences.

Splitting Hairs	
Vocabulary	Define 'strewn'.
Infer	How do we know Sharpe has been drinking a lot of whisky?

	<p>How do you think Daniel felt when he thought Sharpe woke up and why?</p> <p>Why do you think the magpie was twirling and looping?</p>
Predict	Predict what might happen in the rest of Silver and Sharpe's story.
Explain	Explain why the author gave this chapter the title 'Splitting Hairs'.
Retrieve	<p>What was in the magpie's mouth?</p> <p>Why couldn't Ellie take the hair from Sharpe's head?</p> <p>What were the only sounds Daniel could hear as he approached Sharpe?</p> <p>What was Sharpe clinging on to?</p> <p>What nearly woke Sharpe up?</p> <p>What does the usher do with people's hair?</p>
Summarise	Summarise this chapter in no more than two sentences.

### Bad Blood

Vocabulary	Define 'strewn'.
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	<p>What is a 'duel'?</p> <p>Define 'sacrifice'.</p> <p>Define 'maniac'.</p>
Infer	<p>How do you think Sharpe got hold of the Book Of Wonders?</p> <p>Why do you think Vindictus challenged Silver to a dual?</p> <p>Find and copy a phrase which shows Vindictus Sharpe was a big man.</p> <p>Whose fault do you think it was for Michelle's death?</p> <p>Why was Michelle's night gown stained crimson?</p> <p>Do you think Vindictus cared about his daughter?</p>
Predict	Predict what might happen in the rest of the story.
Explain	Explain why the author gave this chapter the title 'Bad Blood'.
Retrieve	<p>Find and copy two adjectives to describe the autumn air.</p> <p>Why did Sharpe steal the book, according to Silver?</p> <p>What has 'limitless potential'?</p> <p>What stabbed Silver?</p> <p>Who arrived at the door?</p> <p>What did Sharpe call Silver?</p>
Summarise	Summarise what happened on the night of Michelle's death in no more than three sentences.

The Challenge	
Vocabulary	What does it mean if you do something 'defiantly'?
Infer	Why was Ellie disgusted at Sharpe?

	Find and copy a sentence which shows Daniel was scared of Sharpe.
Predict	Predict what could happen in the next chapter.
Explain	Explain how Daniel is really brave in this chapter.
Retrieve	<p>What did Daniel shiver at?</p> <p>What relation was Michelle to Ellie?</p> <p>Where does Daniel have to go first?</p> <p>What was Sharpe throwing knives at?</p> <p>What did Sharpe snatch from Daniel's hands?</p> <p>What did Daniel 'link the doors'?</p>
Summarise	Summarise what Daniel's plan was in one sentence.

<b>Daniel Versus Vindictus</b>	
Vocabulary	<p>What does it mean if you're in a 'ragtag'?</p> <p>Why do you think the author compared the lightning to a 'fork'?</p> <p>Why do you think the author compared Daniel to like a 'spider down the plughole'?</p>

	Define 'abyss'.
Infer	<p>Who do you think the crowd in the corridor were there to support and why?</p> <p>Why was the door in Daniel's room becoming harder to get to?</p> <p>Why do you think Sharpe put water in Daniel's room?</p> <p>What do you think Daniel was thinking about as he tried to swim?</p> <p>Why did Vindictus Sharpe's voice shake in the theatre?</p>
Predict	Predict what could happen in the next chapter.
Explain	Explain why the author goes back and forth from room to room in this chapter.
Retrieve	<p>What colour was the doorknob on the doors?</p> <p>What filled Daniel's mouth?</p> <p>Find and copy two adjectives to describe the sea.</p> <p>What did Daniel catch his elbows on?</p> <p>Who asked to see Sharpe?</p> <p>Who did Daniel think had saved his life?</p> <p>What does Vindictus have to do to open the door?</p> <p>Why did Ellie scream?</p> <p>What saved Daniel's life?</p> <p>What did they do with the page?</p>
Summarise	Summarise the chapter in no more than three sentences.

<b>Pages In The Wind</b>	
Vocabulary	<p>Define 'teetering'.</p> <p>Define 'abandon'.</p> <p>What is a 'successor'?</p> <p>What does it mean if something is 'perished'?</p>

Infer	<p>Why do you think Ellie leapt on Mr Silver?</p> <p>Do you think Mr Silver should go back in the past and kill Sharpe to save Ellie's mum?</p> <p>Do you think Michelle was a bad person for leaving Ellie on the doorstep?</p> <p>Do you think Daniel will be a good leader for the Emporium?</p>
Predict	Predict what would happen in a sequel to this book.
Explain	Explain how Silver helped Daniel against Sharpe.
Retrieve	<p>What did the words turn into?</p> <p>What colour was the man's suit?</p> <p>What did Mr Silver shake from his brain?</p> <p>Why did Mr Silver initially by the unicorn blood?</p> <p>How had Sharpe remained strong?</p> <p>What did Mr Silver use the unicorn blood for?</p> <p>Who will take over at the Emporium?</p> <p>What did Daniel feel when he shook hands with Mr Silver?</p> <p>What was written on the inscription?</p> <p>What did Mr Silver wish for Daniel?</p>
Summarise	Summarise the story on a side of A4.