

Year 5 Autumn 2 Knowledge Organiser - English: Oliver Twist

Oliver Twist

Author: Charles Dickens, born on February 7, 1812



Plot: It is a book of the 19th century. This book belongs to the period of Victorian literature and talks about an orphan kid that is born in a workhouse, and he suffers mistreatment from the people of that place. When he grows up, he runs away to London, where he meets some pickpockets who become his friends.



Other works: Charles Dickens penned beloved classics such as 'Hard Times,' 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Great Expectations.'

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noun - A word used to identify a person, place or thing

expanded noun phrase - A phrase made up of a noun and at least one adjective e.g. wicked, white witch

complex sentence - a sentence that has an independent clause and a dependent clause e.g. That day, when it came to the afternoon and there was still no sign of a break in the weather, they decided to play hide-and-seek.

-ing opener - e.g. Slicing the end of the envelope open with one smooth movement, he placed the letter opener back where it belonged and shoved the drawer shut

Key Characters

Oliver Twist is an orphan and central character of the novel. His mother died in childbirth and the identity of his father remains a mystery for much of the novel.

Bill Sikes is a member of Fagin's gang and the love interest of Nancy. Sikes is extremely violent. Because of misinformation from Fagin, Sikes kills Nancy in a fit of rage. He has a bulldog.

Charley Bates is a pickpocket and close associate of the Artful Dodger.

Mr. Brownlow thought that Oliver picked his pocket. (It was really the Artful Dodger and Charley Bates.) After Oliver is captured for the crime, Brownlow has second thoughts about Oliver. Mr. Brownlow takes Oliver into his home and cares for him.

Mr. Bumble runs the workhouse. Oliver famously asks him, "Please, sir I want some more."

Fagin is a criminal. He is the leader and father figure to a gang of young thieves. He rarely commits crimes himself, instead he employs others to commit crimes on his behalf.

Use the clues from the key characters above to guess who these characters are...



Key vocabulary	Definition
reign	hold royal office; rule as monarch- "Queen Elizabeth reigns over the UK"
Empire	an extensive group of states or countries ruled over by a single monarch, an oligarchy, or a sovereign state- "the Roman Empire"
metropolis	the capital or chief city of a country or region
poverty	the state of being extremely poor
cholera	an infectious and often fatal bacterial disease of the small intestine, typically contracted from infected water supplies and causing severe vomiting and diarrhoea
orphan	a child whose parents are no longer alive
gruel	a thin liquid food of oatmeal or other meal boiled in milk or water