Knowledge Organiser- English: The Wizard of Oz

Important Information
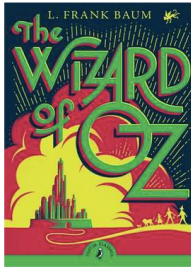
Name of Book: The Wizard of Oz
Publication: 1900
Author: L. Frank Baum
Genre: fantasy fiction

Text

Plot: Dorothy and her dog Toto are hit by a tornado which takes them into the strange and magical Land of Oz. To return home to Kansas, Dorothy must follow the Yellow Brick Road and find the elusive Wizard of Oz but her journey is full of obstacles - not least the Wicked Witch of the West…

Themes: Respect and Reputation, Perseverance, Home, Friendship, Good vs. Evil, Dreams, Hopes, and Plans, Disappointment, Power.

Setting: Kansas, Oz

Main Characters: Dorothy, Toto Uncle Henry, Aunt Em, Wicked Witch of the East, Witch of the North, The Scarecrow, The Tin man, Woodman

Key Vocabulary

Key word	Defintion	Listen
prairie	a large open area of grassland, especially in North America.	
Kansas	A state of the central United States	
cyclone	a system of winds rotating inwards to an area of low pressure, with an anticlockwise (northern hemisphere) or clockwise (southern hemisphere) circulation	
garret	a top-floor or attic room, especially a small dismal one.	
quest	a long or arduous search for something.	
a tinsmith	a person who makes or repairs articles of tin or tinplate.	
a carpenter	a person who makes and repairs wooden objects and structures.	
a woodman	a person working in woodland, especially a forester or woodcutter.	
cowardly	lacking courage.	
vexed	annoyed, frustrated, or worried.	
munchkins	a child or short person.	
poppies	a herbaceous plant with red flowers, milky sap, and rounded seed capsules.	

Quote

"There is no place like home."
"A heart is not judged by how much you love; but by how much you are loved by others"
"You have plenty of courage, I am sure," answered Oz. "All you need is confidence in yourself. There is no living thing that is not afraid when it faces danger. The true courage is in facing danger when you are afraid, and that kind of courage you have in plenty."