

Grammar and Writing Composition for Lancelot Class

Using illustrations *by* Jackie Morris

Introduction

This week we are going to use the art of **Jackie Morris** to inspire us. Jackie Morris is an incredible artist and writer with a wonderful imagination and a great love of the natural world.

You can find out more about her work here: <https://www.jackiemorris.co.uk/>

TASK 1: Time for dreaming!

Today we will have a day of wondering and mind-mapping! See what questions, wonderings or thoughts you have when you look at the pictures and note each one down in a thought bubble.

Then look at the pictures again and imagine they tell a story. The pictures can be ordered any way you like so you might be able to think of several possible plots.

Make notes or a mind map of any good ideas you have at this stage.



TASK 2: Time for facts!

The story you write later this week will involve polar bears. Knowing some information about polar bears will be helpful in your story, so please read the attached information sheet today and answer the questions. You might like to find out more information using a computer. If you do, be sure to make notes.

TASK 3: Time for words and sentences!

When we write a story, it is important to vary the way we start our sentences and to use the best vocabulary we can. See if you can write ten or more interesting sentences based on the pictures, beginning in different ways. The sentences do not need to tell a story at this stage – they can be quite random, but you might want to use some in your final story. Here are some sentence starts to get you going:

The last thing she remembered before she fell asleep...

A bitterly cold wind blew across...

After days of travelling...

In our hearts we wondered...

Feeling utterly exhausted...

To our amazement...

Looking far into the distance...

In the days that followed...

One day, perhaps, the world will know...

TASKS 4 and 5: Time for a story!

Plan and write a fantasy story based on the Jackie Morris illustrations. You can focus on one or two or include ideas from all the pictures.

Don't forget to vary your sentence starts and use paragraphs.

If you write the story on a computer you could illustrate it with Jackie Morris's pictures.

If you write your story by hand you could do your own illustrations. Good luck!

Remember to share your story on the Tapestry or email it in.

Extension work:

Explore Jackie Morris's website again and see if any other pictures inspire you to write a story or a poem.

<https://www.jackiemorris.co.uk/>