

The Secret Garden Book Project



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

Dear Teacher,

Welcome to your resource materials for studying *The Secret Garden*. I hope you will find them easy to use and engaging for your pupils. Below are some notes on each of the areas of materials to aid you in using them.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have queries at any point.

Best of luck!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Robertson'.

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CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE DOCUMENT

This document clearly outlines all of the experiences and outcomes that you can expect to meet while going through the resource materials. Each subject area is categorised and each outcome linked to where to find the materials in the packs. The colour coding (as used by LTS) is used throughout the materials.

DID YOU KNOW?

This page can be printed off to have in the classroom as a reminder of the main threads in the book: The house/ garden, Mary (and her contrariness!), the healing/ Christian Science element and the time in which the book itself was printed.

ALL ABOUT THE AUTHOR

This document will lead the pupils through the life of Frances Hodgson Burnett. It is split into notable sections for ease of reading. This should set the scene for the book as it touches upon many aspects of her life that she drew on to write *The Secret Garden*. It should also place the book in a certain point in history and get the pupils thinking about the world that the author, and in turn the characters, occupied.

THE VICTORIANS

This document is a source for studying all things Victorian. It concisely summarises the main historical elements that will come into play during *The Secret Garden*. There are also several CFE outcomes that will be met through this document (Detailed in the Curriculum for Excellence Document).

SUGGESTED SCHOOL OUTINGS

Does what it says on the tin! If you are looking for outings linked to the study of the book, here are a few I've picked out.

A GIFT TO THE SCHOOL - WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE GARDEN?

Introducing a new CD Rom resource created by **Science and Plants for Schools** and the **Field Studies Council**, including a description of the materials and how to go about getting the product for your school.

YORKSHIRE WORDS

I've included this as a separate document so that if you want to delve deeper in to the language element you can. There is a language section in Chapter Pack 3 but it is more focused on Yorkshire words used in the book and Scots language.

FUN & GAMES

These consist of a Crossword, Wordsearch, Maze and a Design Task. These are short, fun, practical exercises that could be used in 'down time' to keep *The Secret Garden* at the forefront of the young people's minds. Once the tasks are done pupils can have a go at creating their own themed crosswords etc.

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CHAPTER PACKS (1 – 27)

Inside here you will find chapter packs 1-27 which each contain New Vocabulary, Quick Quiz Questions, Discussion Points and Activities/ Further Info. Also in this folder are a Bibliography and the Quick Quiz Answer Document.

- **New Vocabulary**

In each chapter there are a few notable new words. Many of these are Mary's Indian words, and many are simply words that are now not used in everyday English. There may of course be others that you want to add to these lists and you could create an area in the classroom that displays '*The Secret Garden Vocabulary*'. You could also create challenges for the class to try and use the new words in a conversation with people outside the class. They could then feedback the stories of how they managed to use the words. This could be fun as some of the words are very ornate!

- **Quick Quiz Questions**

These questions (of which there are 5 for every chapter) should be done as soon as the chapter is read. They are based on specific details from the text and should be used as a hook to encourage the young people to pick up on all of the fine points in the text. A good idea might be to divide the class into groups, or simply tables, before starting to read the book and turn the Quick Quiz into an ongoing competition with a league table. Prizes could be given for the highest scoring group and these might be awarded every 5 or 6 chapters to keep momentum up!

N.B. The **Quick Quiz Answer Document** is answers for all 27 packs combined and can also be found in the Chapter Packs folder.

- **Discussion Points**

There are between 1-3 discussion points for each chapter. These are primarily to spark conversation, which could happen in groups and then be fed back to the class. However, they could also be used as short writing exercises; particularly the ones that ask the young people to draw on personal experience or memories.

- **Activities/ Further Info.**

This section varies greatly in each pack but the important thing to remember is that they are made for the pupils to see. You can put them up on your Smart Board or print them off. They do not have to be re-worked to be used and do not contain teaching/ delivery notes (apart from some approx. delivery times & materials needed to help you plan) therefore you can guide and use the Activities and Information as you see fit.

- **Bibliography**

This document is the source bibliography for all materials; intended for teachers. There is not constant citation in the activities etc as these are kept clear for the pupils use.