

Literature: reading a novel

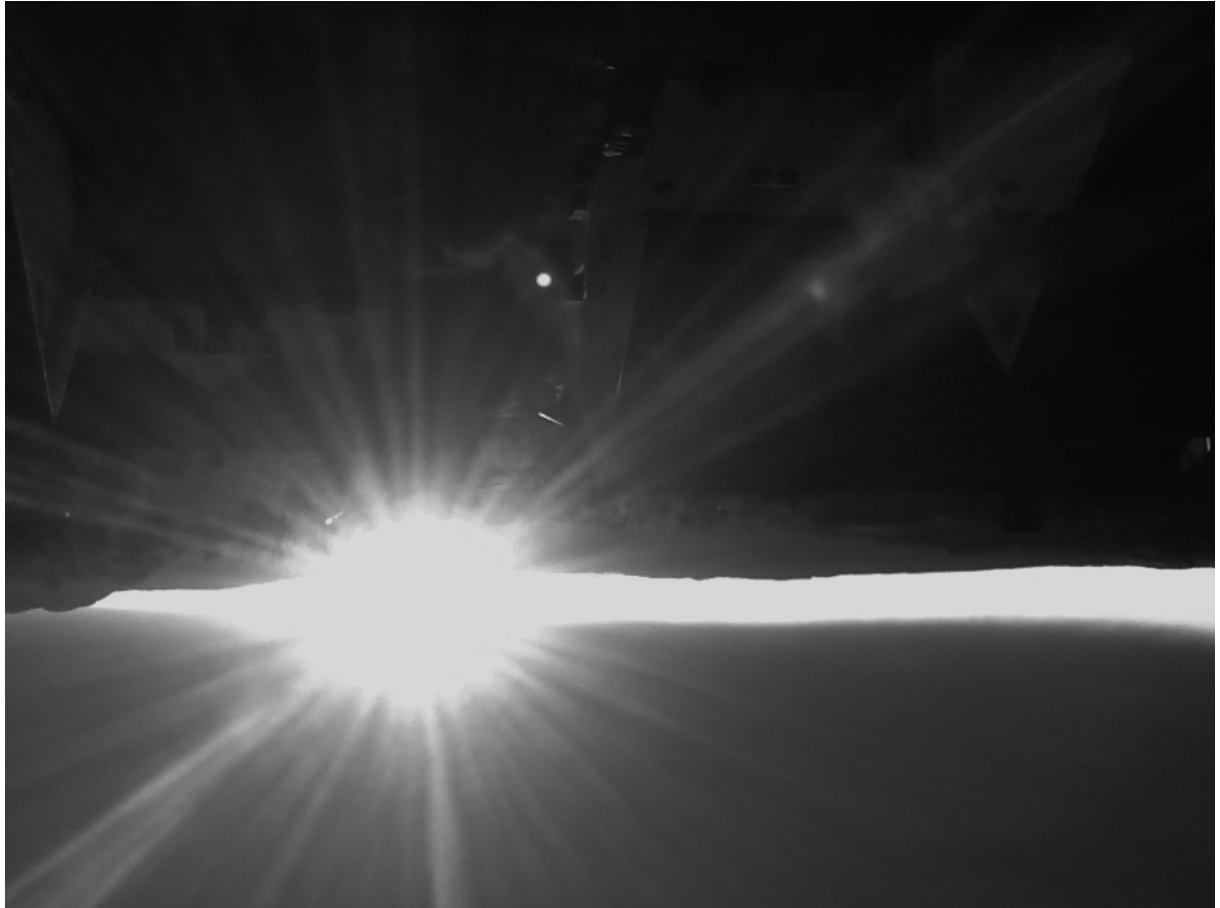


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Hello

Hello Mum (2011) by Bernardine Evaristo

Pre-reading questions:

- Why do some people join gangs?
- Do gang members use any particular signs (clothing, tattoos, hand signs, bandanas, colours, greetings, jewelry)? Why?
- Have you read any articles or novels on gangs in the UK or the USA?

Step 1: Watch the video on YouTube (link below) and answer the question:

What will be the main topic of the book? Write your thoughts down (3-5 sentences).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ooti-PC8dEk>

Step 2: Start reading the novel

After reading the first two chapters, answer the questions:

- Who is the protagonist/main character of the novel?
- Where does he live?
- Who does he live with?
- How big is the flat/his room?
- Does he have a TV set?
- Does he go to school?
- Does he have any dreams about the future?

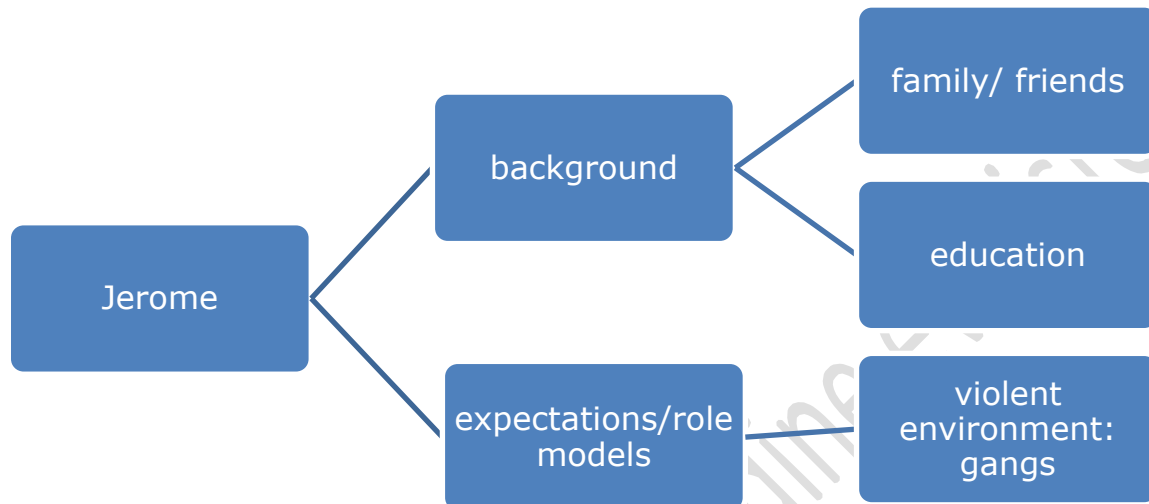
Step 3 (after you have finished reading):

Find or make a picture which can replace the original cover of the book. Paste the picture below.

- Is the picture happy or sad?
- What is the dominant colour of the illustration?
- Explain why you have chosen this particular picture.

The Book`s Cover (paste/paint here):

Step 4: A. Study the diagram. Take a few moments to reflect upon what you know or what thoughts you have about the areas mentioned in the diagram.



B. Fill in the open boxes on the following pages. Use quotes from the novel and vocabulary from the lists below:

Useful grammar (verbs - present tense)

she/he ...lives, has, does not have, cannot, tries, goes, likes, does not like, hates, admires, appreciates, quarrels, thinks, decides, agrees, disagrees, laughs, remembers, does not remember, knows, does not know, feels, takes, gives

Useful vocabulary

Feelings: upset about, frustrated, nervous about, cross, furious/in a rage, in a fury, worried about, confused / mixed up, grateful, cheerful, anxious about something, enthusiastic, excited, thrilled

Personality/Character: intelligent, bright, sharp, talented, brainy, shrewd, gifted, simple, brainless, dumb, dim, stupid, silly, foolish, cunning, crafty, sly, foxy, push-over, bossy, frank, innocent, ambitious, original, weird, odd, eccentric, naïve, stubborn, nosy, curious, arrogant, stingy, economical, mean

Jerome`s background:

Mum:

Sister:

Jerome`s home:

Dad:

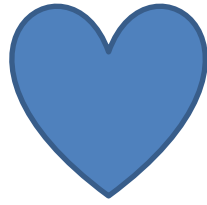
Keith:

Jerome`s education:

Adrian:

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Q: Why is the book called "A story of murder and heartbreak"?



A:

Q: What advice would you give Jerome if you could?

A:

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Jerome`s expectations and role models:

MTV Cribs:

Tony Montana (Scarface):

50 Cent:

Delmar:

Dexter:

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Jerome`s environment / gangs:

Area codes:

The Deptford Warriors:

The Kamikaze Kru (Delmar/Dexter):

B-Block Boys (Tyrone):

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Find some examples on non-standard English:

SMS language:

Slang:

Non-standard grammar:

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