The Pendle Witch Trilogy The Revenge of the Pendle Witch Writing Guidance

Boxed Plot

The attached resource is designed to aid children's understanding of the overall plot of the story and can be used to assist them with creating their own version of a story about two characters who each feel betrayed by the other and one of them returning to take revenge. The resource can be printed and photocopied for use in schools or for home learning.

Possible objectives / writing focus

The following objectives are suitable for Upper Key Stage Two. The objectives chosen should have already been taught to the children, ideally as part of this unit, so that they are applying skills that they have already learnt to their writing. Each day of writing should not have more than one objective, however if all aspects have been previously taught, they could form a writing checklist or 'must, should, could list'.

- To combine writing in both first and third person
- To write using both present and past tense
- To combine standard and non-standard English
- To use noun phrases effectively to describe settings and/or objects
- To use more challenging vocabulary
- To effectively combine narrative, action and dialogue
- To explore characters' emotions and reactions within the theme of betrayal and revenge

| Events from book | Generalised events | New version |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| A girl (Agnes) comes back to | | |
| life after being buried in a | wanting revenge and finds | |
| woodland, wanting to seek | something special to her | |
| revenge. She finds an old box | buried close by. | |
| that belonged to her. | | |
| A girl (Alice) visits her neighbour | | |
| asking about a box that they | | |
| recently buried in the woods | object because they had | |
| | recently found and buried it | |
| cursed. | believing it to be cursed. | |
| = | The person from part one uses | |
| casts a spell to try to see where | magic/witchcraft to try to find | |
| the girl who betrayed her is. | the person she feels betrayed | |
| Instead she sees Alice who | her but instead sees the person | |
| hears her talking to her. | from part two. | |
| Alice returns to the woods and | The person from part two | |
| realises the box has been dug | returns to the place where they | |
| up and there is also an empty | buried the cursed item but it | |
| shallow grave. She tells her | has gone. They tell their | |
| neighbour about it. | neighbour. | |
| Agnes casts a spell to harm her | The person from part one | |
| old friend and to send her | again uses witchcraft to try to | |
| raven to speak to Alice. | find the person she feels | |
| | betrayed her. | |
| Alice's neighbour reveals her | The neighbour in part two | |
| true identity – the person Agnes | reveals her true identity as the | |
| wants her revenge on. They | old friend of the person from | |
| argue about who betrayed | part one. They reunite and | |
| who, both having different | argue about their view of the | |
| viewpoints of the same events. | trust/betrayal issue | |
| Alice throws the box in the fire | The person from box two | |
| and Agnes turns to dust. | throws the object in the fire | |
| Shortly after, the neighbour | causing the person from box | |
| passes away. | one to disappear. | |
| | | |