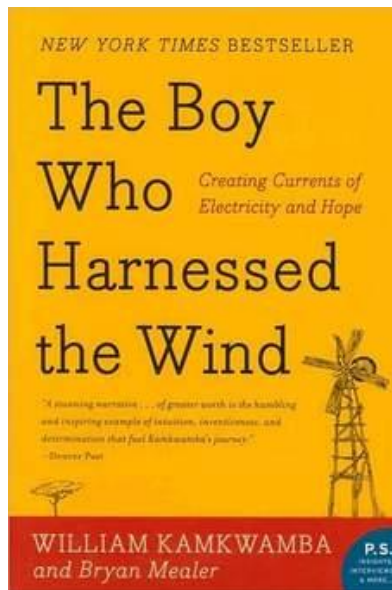


CM2 – Summer Holiday Work : 2022

Once you have read the book, 'The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind': complete the worksheets below.



William Kamkwamba grows up in Malawi, Africa.

He lives in the village of Wimbe, where the village is struck with drought and famine. William is unable to go to school, but has always wondered how things work and teaches himself to read and learn about Science. He creates a windmill to convert wind into electricity and saves his family's crops and lives. Through determination and innovation he saves his village and becomes a hero !

Look in an atlas and find Malawi : colour and label on the map of Africa below.



A) Vocabulary : write the definitions using a dictionary

to harness : (verb) _____

drought : _____

famine : _____

poverty : _____

to survive : _____

innovation : _____

to persevere : _____

to hoe (verb): _____

junk : _____

B) Read the text below and add the correct word from the box to fill the gaps.

William Kamkwamba grows up in _____, in Africa.

He lives in the village of _____, where the village is struck with drought and _____. William is _____ to go to school, as his family do not have enough _____ to pay the school _____. William is _____ and has always wondered how things work and teaches himself to _____ and learn about _____. He creates a _____ to convert wind into _____ and saves his family's _____ and they _____. Through _____ and innovation he saves his village and becomes a _____!

<p>famine / crops / fees / Wimbe / electricity / determination / money / Malawi /read / windmill / survive / hero / unable / curious / Science /</p>
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C) After reading the work, answer the questions below. Write all answers in sentences on a piece of lined paper.

1. Describe the school conditions in Malawi and in particular William's school. (Chapter 6- p.108)
2. What is '*Nsima*'. (Chapter 4 - Page 62)
3. What time did William have to start farming? (Chapter 4 -page 65)

How would you feel about doing this type of work before going to school ?

4. *»In Malawi, maize is as important as the water we drink. We eat maize for every meal... Growing a good maize crop is difficult and takes the whole year. »*

Describe the process of planting and growing maize, from July to harvest.

(Chapter 4- pages 64 – 67)

5. During the famine the family decide to eat only one meal a day. Which meal do they decide to keep and why? (chapter 5, page 79)

5. In your own words describe the character of William. Think about the challenges he faces and what he achieves despite them.

6. Why is William eventually considered a hero in his village?

Hand in completed work for first lesson in September.

For the book, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', make sure you have read it ready to work on during the first week back in September.