

ENGLISH

Guided Reading – Fire Stone

Monday, 30rd March 2020



VOCABULARY

skylight - a window in the roof that lets light in.

lousy - an awful place to be.

meddling - Someone who interferes in something that doesn't concern them.

clutched - Something that has been gripped tightly.

tattered - Something that is old and torn.



LEARN

- This text is an extract from a book.
- Click on the link to listen to the text being read <https://youtu.be/D-ELHrWDZd8>



YOUR TASK

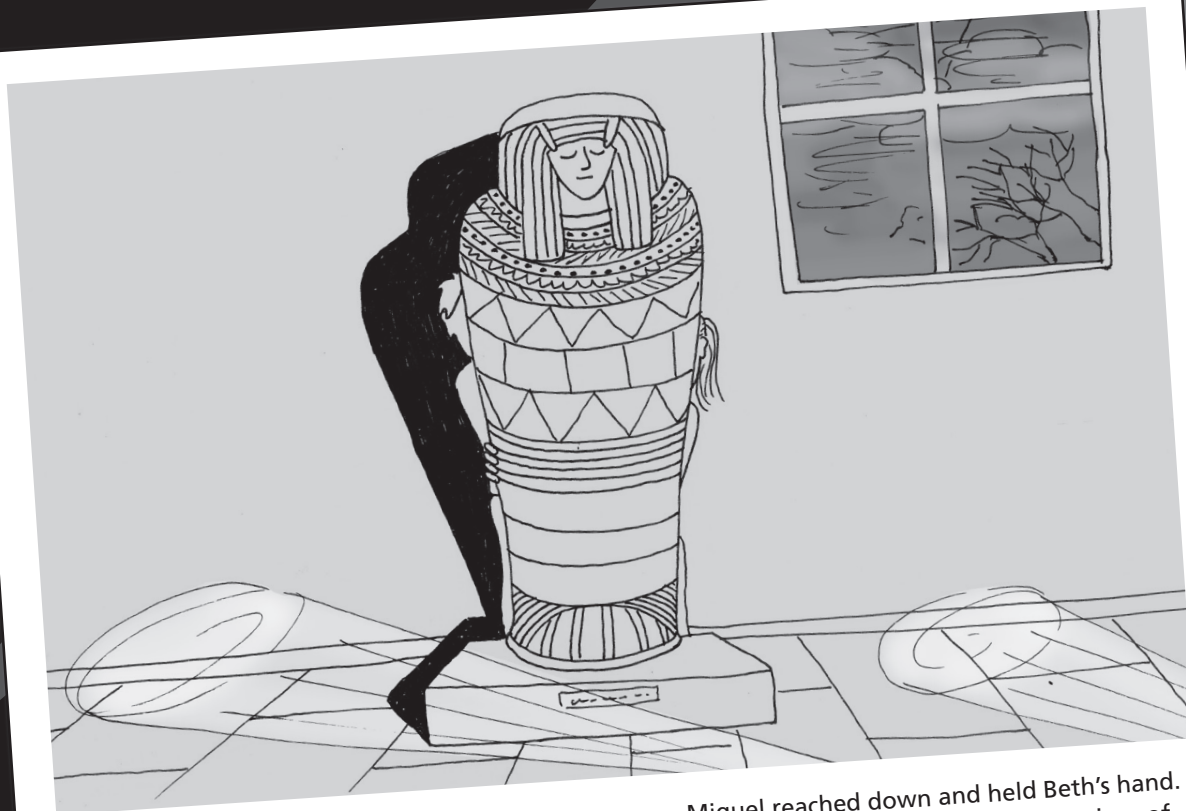
1. Mark last week's work if you haven't done so already. The answers are on the video clip.
2. First look at the title and the author before reading the rest.
3. **You need to answer questions 1 and 2 before reading the story.**
4. When you have answered questions 1 and 2, read the story and answer questions 3-7.
5. Complete the extension activity.

If you need a copy of the text and questions, they are attached to this document.

FOOL'S GOLD



by Phillip Larson



Beth put her finger to her lips.

'Shhhhh. I think I hear footsteps.'

Beth and Miguel hid in the shadows of the museum and held their breath. Only the wind and the rain could be heard outside, tap, tap, tapping on the window above them. All was dark.

Suddenly two bright white lights flashed into the room like the eyes of a lion searching for its next meal.

'So the map to Red Beard's gold is hidden somewhere in this museum is it?' said the first man.

'Yes. But we have to find it before those two treasure hunters do,' said the second man. 'We might have the muscles, but they have the brains.'

Beth and Miguel looked at each other. Beth wanted to laugh. Was Miguel really that clever?

Miguel reached down and held Beth's hand. With his other hand, he clutched a piece of paper. It was the colour of autumn leaves and was ripped and tattered like an old newspaper.

At last the footsteps and the voices died away and Beth and Miguel stepped out of the shadows.

'Let's go!' whispered Miguel.

'Go where?' asked Beth.

'To London Bridge.'

'London Bridge?'

'Yes! It's where we will find our first clue.'

And with that the two brave treasure hunters escaped into the night.

Fool's Gold

Glossary

Word	Definition
Natural History Museum	a museum in London full of historical and natural artefacts
The London Times	an old London newspaper

Vocabulary Starter

Word	Definition
skylight	
lousy	
meddling	
clutched	
tattered	

ANSWER QUESTIONS 1 and 2 BEFORE READING THE STORY

1

Who is the author of this story? _____

What other story has he written (remember last week!)?

What was that story about?

2

This story is also about Beth and Miguel – what do you think might happen in it?

3

Is the weather in this story good or bad? How do you know?

_____ because _____

4

Who do you think Red Beard was?

5

Look at the conversation between the two bad guys. Are they strong or weak and how do you know?

_____ because _____

6

What do you think Miguel is holding in his other hand?

Tick one

a torch

a phone

Red Beard's treasure map

7

There is a simile in paragraph 4. *'Like the eyes of a lion searching for its prey.'*

Who is the lion? Who is the prey? Why does the author use this simile?

Lion: _____ Prey: _____

Extension activity

Write the next two paragraphs of the story.
