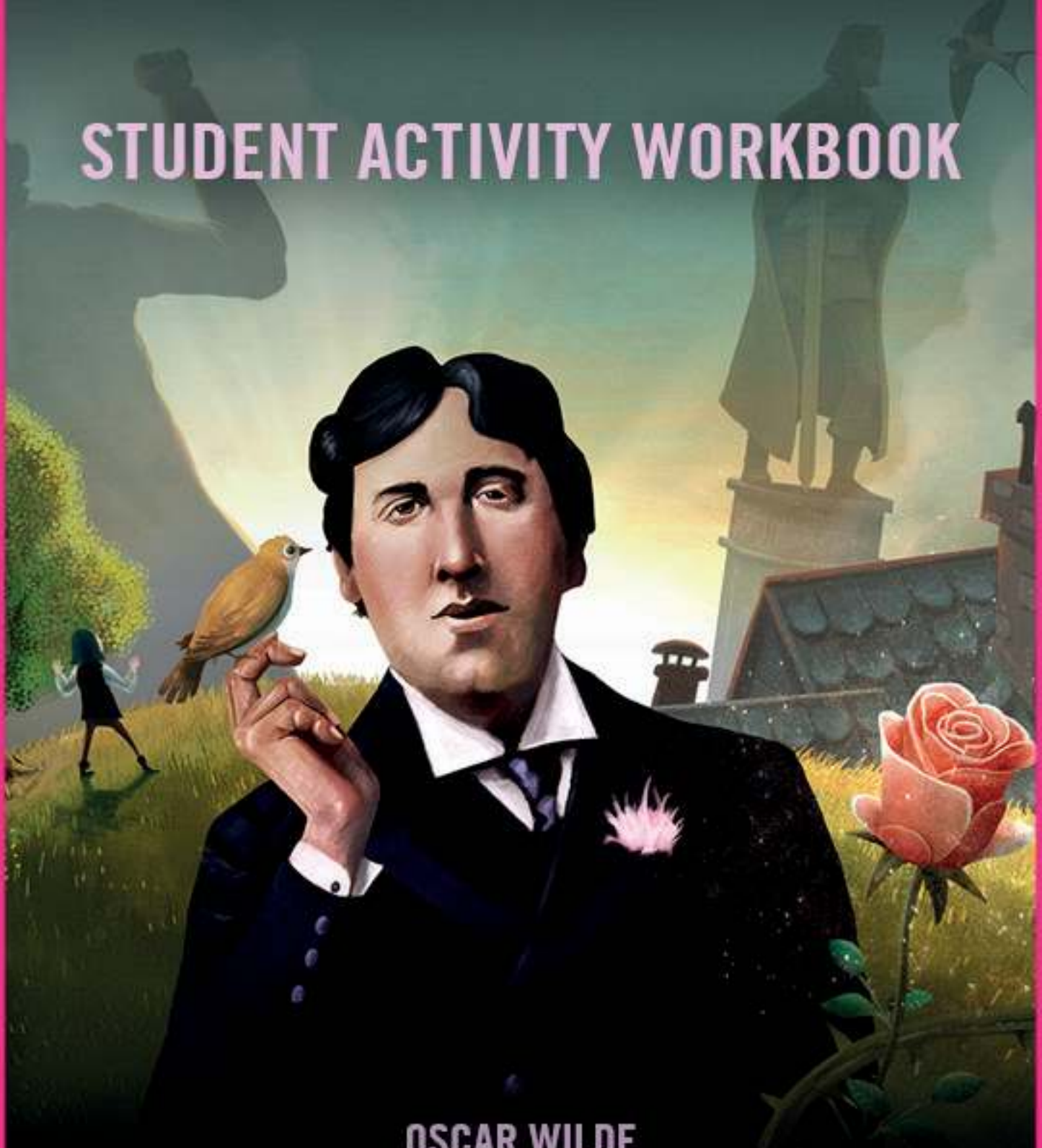
STUDENT ACTIVITY WORKBOOK



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FEATURING:

THE NIGHTINGALE AND THE ROSE • THE HAPPY PRINCE
THE SELFISH GIANT

Character Analysis

In Selfish Giant the main characters (the Giant and the little boy) go through some important changes.

Fill in the tables below to describe the characters before and after they change in the story. First, think of ways to describe the character (e.g. kind, selfish, passive). Then, provide some evidence of things the character does or says to fit this description.

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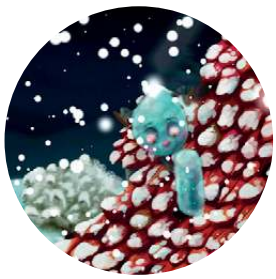
Character	Description	What does the character do or say to fit this description?
 THE GIANT		
 THE LITTLE BOY		

AFTER

Character	Description	What does the character do or say to fit this description?
 THE GIANT		
 THE LITTLE BOY		

Matching exercise

Match each phrase from the story with an image.

"How happy we are here!' they cried to each other."	1	A	
"He was wrapped in furs, and he roared all day about the garden, and blew the chimney pots down."	2	B	
"Every day for three hours he rattled on the roof of the castle till he broke most of the slates, and then he ran round and round the garden as fast as he could go."	3	C	
"It was really only a little linnet singing outside his window, but it was so long since he had heard a bird sing in his garden that it seemed to him to be the most beautiful music in the world."	4	D	
"It is your garden now, LITTLE CHILDREN."	5	E	
"You let me play once in your garden, today you shall come with me to my garden, which is PARADISE."	6	F	

Glossary

Gruff (adj) deep and rough
Frost (n) small white ice crystals that form on surfaces
Hail (n) pellets of frozen rain
Linnet (n) a type of finch (bird)
Cease (v) to stop or bring to an end
Casement (n) a window
Twitter (v) a light tremulous bird call
Blossom (n) a flower or mass of flowers
Bid (v) to give a greeting or farewell
Admire (v) to look at something with respect or approval
Marvellous (adj) fantastic, extraordinary
Hasten (v) to hurry
Thee (pronoun) you
Thou (pronoun) you
Awe (n) a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder



Please choose the best option for each of the following questions:







1. How many bees are buzzing around the flowers in the Selfish Giant's garden? *
a. 3
b. 10
c. 5

2. How long did the Selfish Giant stay with the Cornish ogre?
a. 100 years
b. 6 months
c. 7 years

3. What did the Selfish Giant's notice-board say? *
a. Children not welcome
b. Beware of the Giant
c. Trespassers will be prosecuted

4. How many of the pink flower's leaves fall off before it slips back into the ground?
a. All of the
b. 5
c. 3

5. Who did the Frost and Snow invite to stay in the garden?
a. The North Wind
b. The Cornish ogre
c. The Snow Queen

6. How many tiles does the Hail break on the Selfish Giant's roof? *
a. 6
b. 10
c. 1

7. What didn't the Autumn give golden fruit to the Giant's garden?
a. He was too selfish
b. She had a grudge against the North Wind
c. She didn't have enough for every garden

8. What happens when you tap the cloud above the Giant's garden? *
a. It flashes as lightening strikes
b. It grows to fill the sky
c. The face of the North Wind appears

9. What makes the Snow cry? *
a. Her snowman collapses
b. The North Wind blows at her
c. The Autumn refused to give her a golden flower

*For these questions, refer to the App "Oscar Wilde"

10. What did the Giant think the sweet song of the linnet must be?
a. The King's musicians
b. An angel's song
c. A beautiful harp

11. What did the Selfish Giant see when he looked out the window? Circle all the right answers.
a. Children sitting in the trees
b. Tree blossoms
c. A fair maiden
d. Happy birds
e. The Hail
f. Laughing flowers

12. Why was the little boy crying bitterly?
a. He was too small to climb the tree
b. He had lost his favourite toy
c. He had no shoes in the snow

13. Why didn't the little boy run away?
a. His eyes were too full of tears to see the Giant
b. He was too small to run fast enough
c. He had finally reached the branch of the tree

14. What colour are the blossoms that break out on the small boy's tree? *
a. Red and orange
b. Orange
c. Blue and red

15. Why did the Giant love the little boy the best?
a. Because he had kissed him
b. Because he hadn't run away from him
c. Because he was the smallest

16. Why didn't the Giant hate the Winter anymore?
a. Because he made snowmen with the children
b. Because he knew it was merely the Spring asleep
c. Because it never returned to his garden

17. Why did the Giant grow angry?
a. The little boy was wounded
b. The North Wind returned
c. The little boy ran away

18. Why does the Giant kneel before the boy?
a. A strange awe falls on him
b. To look closer at his wounds
c. Because he is so upset he can't stand

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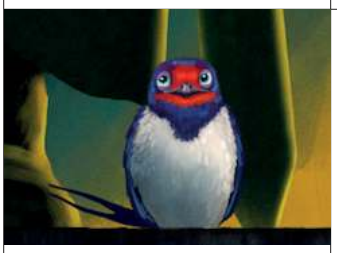


At the beginning of the story, the Selfish Giant goes to stay with the Cornish Ogre for 7 years. The Cornish Ogre also has a beautiful garden, that he keeps locked up for himself and doesn't allow children to play in. Imagine you are the Selfish Giant, and it has been 6 months since you opened your garden to the children again. Write a letter to the Cornish Ogre explaining what you have done and trying to persuade him to do the same. Explain how your life has changed since you opened the garden and how you feel about it.



Character Analysis

Fill in the table below to describe the different characters in the story. First, think of ways to describe the character (e.g. kind, selfish, passive). Then, provide some evidence of things the character does or says to fit this description.

Character	Description	What does the character do or say to fit this description?
 THE HAPPY PRINCE		
 THE SWALLOW		
 THE REED		
 THE PEOPLE IN NEED		
 THE MAYOR		

Matching exercise

Match each phrase from the story with an image.

"'You have been trifling with me,' he cried, 'I am off to the Pyramids. Good-bye!'"	1	A	
"Then he flew gently round the bed, fanning the boy's forehead with his wings."	2	B	
"They have eyes like green beryls, and their roar is loader than the roar of a cataract"	3	C	
"Pluck out my other eye, and give it to her, and her father will not beat her."	4	D	
"Leaf after leaf of the fine gold the Swallow picked off, until the Happy Prince looked quite dull and grey."	5	E	
"We must issue a proclamation that birds are not to be allowed to die here."	6	F	

Glossary

Gilded (adj) covered thinly in gold
Weathercock (n) apparatus to show wind direction, in the shape of a cockerel
Pinafore (n) sleeveless apron-like garment
Coquette (n) flirtatious woman
Trifling (v) to treat without seriousness or respect
Lead (n) a type of metal
Seamstress (n) professional sewer
Embalmed (adj) preserved
Jade (n) a precious green stone
Ghetto (n) Jewish quarter of the city
Phenomenon (n) a fact or situation that is observed to exist or happen
Cataract (n) a large waterfall
Couch (v) lie down
Beryl (n) a transparent pale green mineral
Garret (n) a top floor or attic room
Tumbler (n) a drinking glass
Vessel (n) a ship or large boat
Ibis (n) a large wading bird
Sphinx (n) a mythical monster with a human head and a lion's body
Listless (adj) lacking energy or enthusiasm
Eaves (n) the part of a roof that meets or overhangs the walls of a building
Furnace (n) a big oven that gets very hot and can be used e.g. for smelting metal
Quarrel (v) to have an angry argument or disagreement
Foundry (n) a workshop or factory for casting metal



Please choose the best option for each of the following questions:

1. How many cats are admiring the Happy Prince on page 1? *
a. 2
b. 5
c. 1

2. Where was the statue of The Happy Prince located?
a. At the entrance of a park
b. On a tall column
c. Next to the Parliament buildings
d. On the terrace of the Mayor's house

3. Why did the Reed refuse to go away with the Swallow?
a. She didn't return his sentiments.
b. She didn't like Swallows.
c. She was too attached to her home.
d. The Swallow didn't give her enough presents.

4. Where on The Happy Prince did the Swallow decide to settle for the night?
a. On his shoulder.
b. Between his feet.
c. On the ruby of his sword.
d. On his wrist

5. What happens when the drops of water fall on the swallow? *
a. He twitters dizzily.
b. He flies away.
c. He pecks the Happy Prince's feet.

6. Where did The Happy Prince live when he was alive?
a. The Magical Kingdom of Bijoux de Chocolat
b. In the Estate of Siempre Feliz
c. The Palace of Sans-Soucis
d. The Palace of Non-Stop Smiles

7. What did The Happy Prince see that made him weep?
a. All the ugliness and misery of the city.
b. His love had married another.
c. His jewels were being given away with abandon.
d. The palace was falling into ruin.

8. What does the woman in the poor house do?
a. A cleaner
b. A cook
c. A seamstress
d. A teacher



*For these questions, refer to the App "Oscar Wilde"

9. What animal is in the poor boy's room? *
a. A cat
b. A spider
c. A mouse

10. Where were the other Swallows waiting to be joined?
a. Canada
b. Fiji
c. Egypt
d. Japan

11. Who called the Swallow a 'distinguished stranger'?
a. The Hummingbirds
b. The Reeds
c. The Sparrows
d. The Nobles

12. What appears in the moon behind the Swallow and the Happy Prince? *
a. A lion and 3 pyramids.
b. A lion and a horse.
c. The God Memnon on his throne.

13. Why can't the man in the garret finish his play?
a. He was too cold to write any more.
b. He was faint with hunger.
c. There is no fire in the grate.
d. All of the above.

14. Who is the third person the Prince wants to help?
a. A beggar child
b. A painter
c. A little match-girl
d. A little flute player



15. What stories did the Swallow tell the Prince?
a. Of his love affair with the Reed
b. Of what he had seen in strange lands
c. Of the ancient Greek and Roman gods
d. Of the people currently living in the palace of Sans-Soucis

16. What does the Prince consider to be the greatest mystery of all?
a. Love
b. Money
c. Misery
d. War

17. How many beggars are sitting outside the rich people's house? *
a. 1
b. 4
c. 3

18. What does the Swallow not see?
a. The rich making merry in their beautiful houses
b. White faces of starving children
c. The mayor holding a big ball at his house
d. Beggars sitting at the gates of houses

19. What happens to make the boys under the bridge jump in fright? *
a. Thunder and lightning strikes.
b. The police bang on the bridge's archway.
c. A mouse runs across the floor.

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20. According to the prince, what do the living always think?
a. That money is more important than love
b. That they can control everything
c. That gold can make them happy
d. That they will never die

21. What transforms the 3 children from sad and grey to happy and rosy? *
a. The beautiful silver streets
b. The swallow, trailing gold, flying above their heads
c. Their warm fur coats

22. What happens when the Swallow kisses the Prince? *
a. A red blush spreads briefly across the Prince's lips
b. The swallow's eyes close
c. The swallow falls down dead
d. All of the above

23. What broke in the Prince when the Swallow fell dead at his feet?
a. His spirit
b. His leaden heart
c. The platform below him
d. His sword

24. What crawls out from underneath the Prince's heart? *
a. A cockroach
b. A mouse
c. A snake
d. A cat

25. Where do the Prince and the Swallow end up?
a. They stay in the dust heap
b. They are reincarnated in another kingdom
c. In God's garden of Paradise and city of gold
d. They return to the palace of Sans-Soucis

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Read the following situations and compose an original and appropriate response:

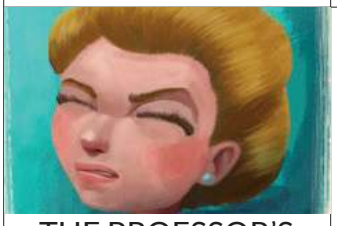
1. Imagine it is 5 years after the Happy Prince's statue was pulled down. The people of the town have discovered the truth about the help the Happy Prince and the Swallow gave them. They have now made a beautiful memorial where the Prince's statue used to be and people are leaving flowers and cards there to pay their respects. Choose one of the three characters the Happy Prince initially helped (the Ill Boy, the Writer, or the Match Girl) and make a 'Thank You' card. In your message, express how their help made you feel, and explain what the money from the sapphire/ruby has helped you to do.

2. Now, think of someone in your real life who has helped you. Write another 'Thank You' card to that person, expressing your feelings and explaining how they have helped you.



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Character	Description	What does the character do or say to fit this description?
 THE STUDENT		
 THE NIGHTINGALE		
 THE RED ROSE-TREE		
 THE PROFSSOR'S DAUGHTER		

Matching exercise

Match each phrase from the story with an image.

"But there is no red rose in my garden, so I shall sit lonely, and she will pass me by. She will have no heed of me, and my heart will break."	1	A 
"But the winter has chilled my veins, and the frost has nipped my buds, and the storm has broken my branches, and I shall have no roses at all this year."	2	B 
"Yale was it, at first, as the mist that hangs over the river – pale as the feet of the morning and silver as the wings of the dawn."	3	C 
"'Press closer, little Nightingale,' cried the Tree, "or the Day will come before the rose is finished.'"	4	D 
"It is not half as useful as Logic, for it does not prove anything, and it is always telling one of things that are not going to happen, and making one believe things that are not true."	5	E 

Glossary

Wretched (adj) in a very unhappy or unlucky state
Hyacinth (n) a purplish-blue flowering plant
Opal (n) a semi-transparent gemstone that shows different colours depending on the light
Harp (n) a musical instrument
Courtier (n) a person who attends a royal court
Cynic (n) a person with a pessimistic view of people
Spray (n) stem or small branch of a tree or plant
Sun-dial (n) an instrument that tells the time by the shadow of the sun
Scythe (n) a tool used for cutting crops such as grass or corn
Chariot (n) a two-wheeled vehicle drawn by horses
Heather (n) a purple-flowering bush
Frankincense (n) high quality incense
Sincerity (n) the absence of pretence or deceit
Ebb (v) to gradually decrease
Chamberlain (n) an officer who managed the household of a monarch or noble



Please choose the best option for each of the following questions:

1. Why does the young Student want a red rose?
a. To win a dance with the woman he loves
b. Because it would bring good luck
c. To win a competition
d. To gain entry into a secret club

2. What do the Student's lips turn into on page 2? *
a. A red rose
b. Two small birds
c. Gold

3. The Nightingale says the young man is:
a. Unrealistic
b. Funny
c. A true lover
d. Very intelligent

4. Who is giving a ball?
a. The University
b. The Metaphysics Society
c. The Prince
d. The Nightingale's owner

5. Who wonders why the Student is weeping?
a. A little Green Lizard
b. A Butterfly
c. A Daisy
d. All of the above

6. What colour is the butterfly who was fluttering after a sunbeam? *
a. Blue and gold
b. Green and silver
c. Red and orange

7. Who laughs at the young Student?
a. The Daisy
b. The Butterfly
c. The Green Lizard
d. The Oak Tree

8. How many letters are in the post box? *
a. 2
b. None
c. 10
d. 5

9. What does the Nightingale decide to do?
a. Compose a song for the Student to sing to his love
b. Find a red rose
c. Find another love for the Student
d. Nothing – she wants to play with the other animals

10. What is the problem with the first tree?
a. There are no roses
b. The roses are white
c. The roses are pink
d. It is an apple tree

11. What is the problem with the second tree?
a. The roses are yellow
b. The tree won't part with any roses
c. The tree doesn't like nightingales
d. The tree doesn't like the Student

*For these questions, refer to the App "Oscar Wilde"

12. How many of the yellow roses venture out of their bush to talk to the Nightingale? *
a. 1
b. All of them
c. None of them
d. 3

13. Why can't the Nightingale get a red rose from the third tree?
a. It has been cursed.
b. The winter, frost and storm
c. The roses are silver
d. The Student hasn't watered it

14. What can you see in the Nightingale's chest? *
a. Her heart with veins and arteries of rose thorns
b. A red rose where her heart should be
c. A gilded key



15. What must the Nightingale exchange for the price of a red rose?
a. A song
b. She must move to live in the rose tree
c. Her voice
d. Her life

16. What does she ask of the young man in return?
a. That he write poetry for her music
b. That he find a true love for her
c. That he be a true lover to the young woman
d.That he keeps the rose preserved for all time

17. Why can't the student understand what the nightingale says to him?
a. He is deaf to music
b. He only knows things that are written in books.
c. He refuses to listen to her
d. They speak different languages

18. What happens to the nightingale as she sings her song to the Oak tree? *
a. A tear spills out of her eye
b. She grows larger and larger
c. Her heart glows in her chest

19. What does the Student say about the Nightingale's song?
a. Her voice is the most beautiful he's heard
b. The song truly moves him to his core
c. She has form, but no feeling
d. It doesn't capture the depth of his sentiments

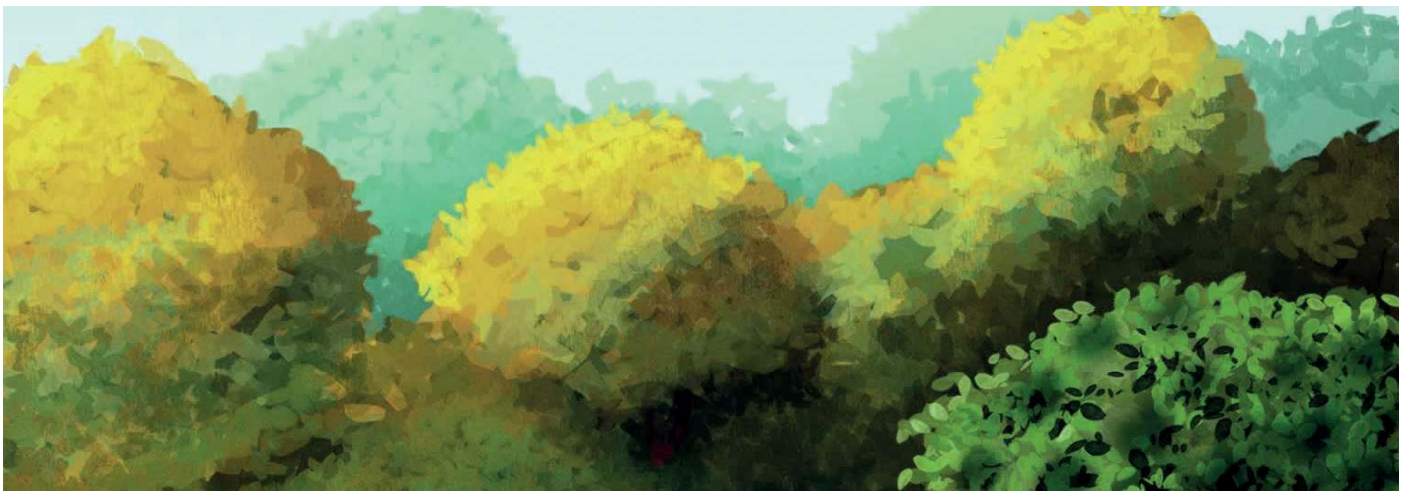
20. What colour did the Rose start out as?
a. Pale silver
b. Darkest black
c. Pink
d. Red

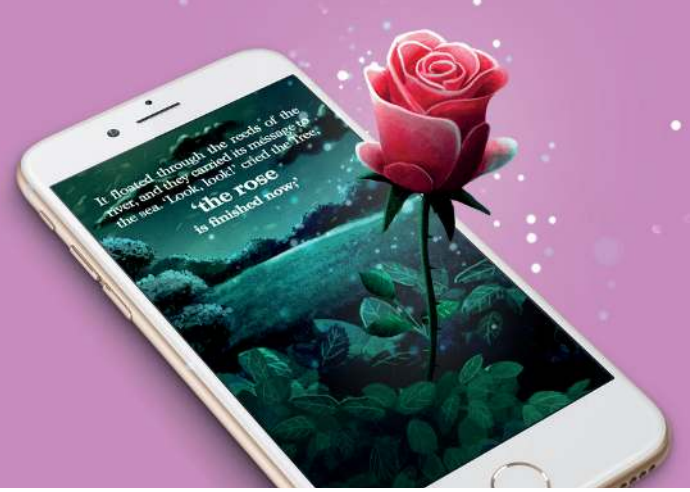
21. Why does the Moon forget the dawn and linger in the sky?
a. She hears the nightingales final song
b. She wants the rose to be finished in time
c. She is engaged in an interesting conversation with a star

22. How does the girl react when the student gives her the Rose?
a. She swoons with joy, kisses the Student and puts the Rose in a beautiful vase of water
b. She says it won't go with her outfit and that she has already been brought more expensive gifts
c. She flies into a wild rage and slams the door in the Student's face

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Imagine it is the Nightingale's funeral. All the animals and plants from the story have come to pay their respects. The Oak Tree is giving the eulogy. Write the Oak Tree's eulogy. Describe the Nightingale's life and personality, and how you and the other plants and animals felt about him. Explain how and why he died. Explain why the Student is not at the funeral and comment on how you feel about this. Finish by paying respects to the Nightingale's life.





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