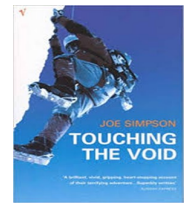


STM Knowledge Organiser



Year: 8

Subject: English

Unit: Adventure and Exploration

Core Knowledge (stylistic writing features)

- **Preposition:** a word that explains the position of a noun, such as on or under. A prepositional phrase is a sentence starting with a preposition.
- **A one word sentence or a minor sentence:** they create haste, shock or sense of urgency.
- **Time phrase:** a sentence that includes the time the event happened or will happen eg: yesterday I went climbing.
- **Conjunction:** a word used to connect sentences or clauses eg: because, and, while.
- **Verb phrase:** a sentence that starts with a verb eg: running on the wet floor.
- **The five senses:** sight, sound, touch, taste, smell.

Core Knowledge (GAP)

- The **GAP** of a piece of writing is the **genre** that it is written in, the **audience** that it is aimed at and the **purpose** that it has been written for.
- A **documentary** is a television programme that educates or informs.
- A **diary** is a daily record of events and experiences.
- An **autobiography** is an account of someone's life, written by that person.
- **Creative, descriptive writing** is usually written to entertain.
- **Non-fiction** writing is based upon facts and reality.
- **Fiction** writing describes imaginary events and people.

Core Knowledge (Key texts studied)

- Robert Falcon Scott was a naval officer and explorer, who died trying to reach the South Pole in 1912. His diary which tells of his experience was found with his body.
- 'Touching the Void' is the autobiography of Joe Simpson recounting his experience climbing the Peruvian Andes.
- Dr Jones is a fictional character from the films 'Indiana Jones' and all written work referencing him has been created by the English department. Eg: The End of Jones.
- 'Heart of Darkness' is a fictional novel by Joseph Conrad.

Key Vocabulary

documentary	A television programme that educates or informs.
writing techniques	eg: adjectives, metaphor
vocabulary	words chosen by the writer
preposition	A word that explains the position of a noun. Eg: on, over, above.
atmosphere	words that create a sense of the place you are in for effect. Eg: the dark, threatening forest.
tension	A feeling of fear or panic
expedition	A long walk or climb across rough terrain.
personification	Giving an object human qualities eg: the leaves danced in the breeze.
onomatopoeia	Words that reflect the sound they are associated with eg: bang.
senses	Sight, smell, touch, sound, taste.