

SPaG Task Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

### Stanley – an Unlikely Hero?

at the beginning of holes, stanley yelnats is an over-weight bullied boy who lacks confidence. He is tormented by derrick dunne who takes stanleys belongings and throws them down the toilet. Even the teacher at his school embarses him about his weight and they don't believe him when he tells them that hes being bullied. Later at the camp when stanley digging wholes he imagines derrick being beat up by the other boys he feels that hes part of a friendship group for the first time.

Stanley thinks his family are cursed; his great great grandfather stolen pig from lady with one leg and she put a curse on him and all his descendants Stanley feels like hes always in the wrong place at the wrong time. In addition stanleys family are poor and lives in small apartment.

it is interesting that the other boys nickname stanley caveman praps this is because he is so big. the first sign that stanley is heroic is when he rights to his mother. he is worried about her and wants her to think hes in a good place where hell be ok. letters tell her that the camp is like a summer camp and that activities like swimming in the lake happen stanleys kindness and concern for his mothers feelings is admirable.

another admirable thing about stanley is the weight he seize the potential in zero he quickly realizes zero is clever and he enjoys teaching him later he is even willing to teach him without zero digging his wholes because he feels a sense of purpose in being a teacher and he sees zero making progress.

stanley is also heroic when he sets off to rescue zero in the desert he tries steal water truck but fails going into desert puts himself in great danger but he does it anyway.