



The Time-Lock Adventure: Chapter 4

Teacher Resource Pack

Online Activities

There are five multiple-choice questions that can be completed using our ready-made 2DIY activity. The children can complete these individually using iPads, computers or laptops or as a group on the whiteboard, like a quiz show. There is a link to the activity at the end of the chapter, which will open the quiz directly.

In the writing activity at the end of the chapter, the children write a playscript.

Classroom Activities

There is a range of multiple-choice and open-ended spelling and grammar questions that can be printed and completed in class or as homework.



Serial Mash

Comprehension Questions

1. What was Dan's main concern when he first realised that he was in a hole?
 - a being buried alive
 - b being stabbed with a sword
 - c getting dirty
 - d that he didn't have a weapon
 - e that he and Seth were tangled like snakes

2. Why did Gudrun help the boys climb out of the hole?
 - a to get her hands on the Time-Lock
 - b because she thought they were dwarves
 - c to stop them from stealing her treasure
 - d because she had a sword
 - e because Seth mentioned Thor, god of thunder

3. Seth gave Gudrun the padlock because...
 - a it was glinting in the hazy sunlight.
 - b he wanted to prove that he wasn't a demon.
 - c he wanted to give her a gift.
 - d it was so precious.
 - e he felt threatened.

4. Why did Dan tell Gudrun a tale about dragons?
 - a because Gudrun loved dragons
 - b to distract her so that Seth could grab the Time-Lock
 - c because they were on a long walk
 - d to teach her about his past
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5. Gudrun returned the Time-Lock to Seth...
- a with the condition that he owed her something.
 - b in a fit of rage.
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Chapter Sequencing

Put these events in the order in which they happened in the story, numbering them from 1 to 5. The first one has been done for you.

The girl led the boys into the forest along a track through the bracken.

A girl threatened Seth and Dan with her sword, thinking that they were demon dwarves.

As mud cascaded over their heads, Seth and Dan realised that they were in a hole.

The girl demanded to be given the Time-Lock as a gift.

The girl helped the boys scramble out of the hole.

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Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

1. Choose the correct **spellings** to complete the sentences below.

Initially Gudrun was horrible/horrable to Dan and Seth.

Dan and Seth were not at all comfortable/comfortible in the hole.

Gudrun used her incredible/incredable strength to pull the boys out of the hole.

2. a) What is the name of the **punctuation mark** that has been used between the words 'her' and 'a' in the sentence below?

There was a toughness about her; a wariness and a wiry energy that Seth imagined were necessary ingredients to survive.

- b) Why has this punctuation mark been used?

3. Underline the **relative clause** in each sentence.

We are travellers who have fallen in your hole.

Gudrun and the boys followed a barely beaten track through the bracken that sprang up between the tall oaks.

Just as Dan got to a great bit, where the wicked stepmother was raising a storm to drown the prince, Gudrun suddenly raised her hand to silence him.



4. Insert a **pair of commas** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Dan who has a good imagination entertained Gudrun with a tale about a grieving king.

5. Tick the sentence that uses a **dash** correctly.

Dan is a natural storyteller - he draws the audience in with his voice and actions.

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a semi-colon

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The semi-colon has been used to mark the boundary between clauses.

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Open-Ended Questions

1. Look at the paragraph beginning: *They were at...*

Find and copy **one** word that means decorated with detailed needlework.

2. Why did Gudrun believe that Seth and Dan had risen from the earth?

3. Look at the paragraph beginning: *She sounded like...*

Why did Seth put one of the coins in his pocket?

4. *Dan was nothing if not impulsive and he immediately turned to face Gudrun, forcing her to stop in her tracks.*

What does it mean when someone acts in an impulsive way?

5. *“Gudrun, if you want to thank me, please return my padlock. It is as precious to me as...” he struggled for a moment to think what would be precious to her. “It is as precious to me as your sword is to you. It is all I have.”*

Why was Gudrun’s sword so precious to her?



Purple Mash Extended Writing Exercise

Write part of the chapter as a playscript.