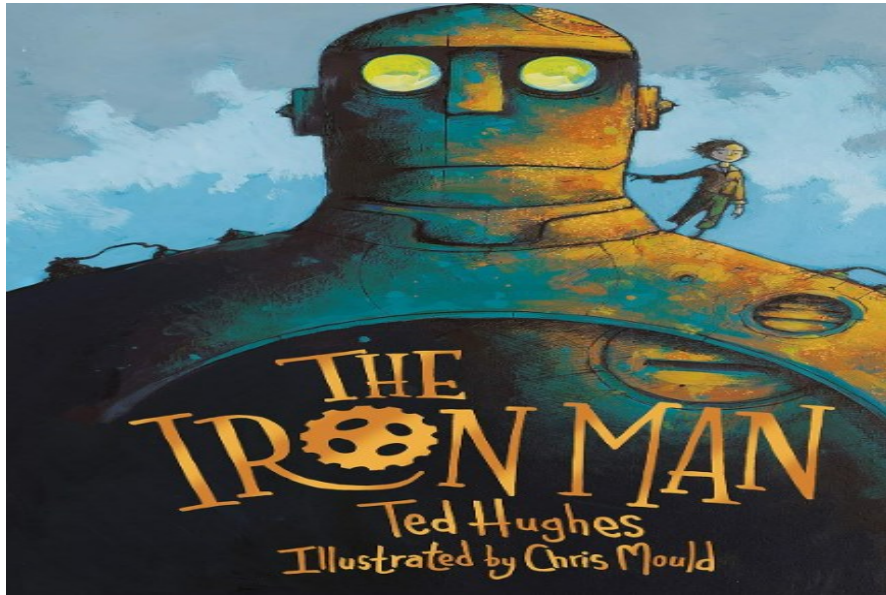
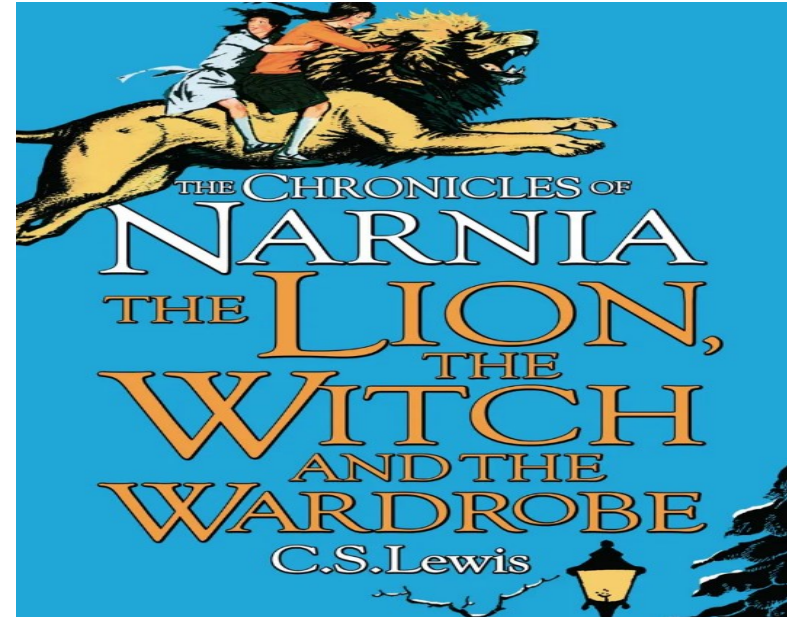


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Our Vehicle Text for Writing



Reading for Pleasure Text



Abandoned

I remember when he bought me. It doesn't seem like ten minutes ago when my creator, Bernard Crib, handed me over and said goodbye. At the time, I was over the moon. I'd been sitting in the back of his workshop for nearly a fortnight by that point. I'd watched other robots being built and purchased in that time, and I was lonely. Little did I know, that would be the high point of my life so far.

The first few days were good. Andy played with me every day and even showed me off to his friends. That's where it started to go wrong, really. Sandy, the annoying friend with the spiteful voice, had laughed when he'd seen me for the first time. He'd told Andy that I was out of date and rubbish compared to his own robot pal. I could see how deflated Andy was; he'd been so excited for everyone to see me and then he'd had it taken away.

Obviously, I tried my best to perform for him, but there's only so much a robot can do. My thrusters aren't as fast as Sandy's RobBlaster S+. It doesn't matter how hard I try, I can't pull loop-the-loops in the air. I can shoot as high as the clouds and parachute to safety, and that used to be enough, but robots nowadays are so advanced. Poor Mr Crib is too old to keep up. He tries his hardest, but he's just an outdated model. Like me, I guess.

After the incident with Sandy, it was all downhill. First, Andy passed me on to his sister, but even she didn't want me. To be fair to her, she's too young for a robot and just wants to play with mud. Good for her. Then, he sold me to one of his other friends. I don't think he realised how insulting it is for a robot to be sold on so soon. We have pride, just like humans!

This new kid is worrying. He showed me in a dark room at the back of his basement along with hundreds of other robots. The scary thing is, none of them has all of their parts. Every now and then, he'll come downstairs with a screwdriver, and one of them will be left missing a piece. Upcycling, he calls it. Making new things out of old parts. Old parts! He dared to call us *old parts*! How would he like it if somebody came and took some of his parts to make a better human?

Guided reading stimulus



All About The Romans

The Ancient Romans were one of the most successful civilisations in history. They ruled over most of Europe at one point and left a lasting impression on Great Britain. They remain one of the most famous ancient civilisations because of their rich culture and famous heroes. You may think you know a lot about them, but did you know the following amazing Roman facts?

They were incredibly clean

The Romans were some of the cleanest people in history. They built large, communal bathhouses. They would gather together and all take long, hot baths in groups. There were also ice baths where they would cool off. Some Romans would take baths for hours at a time! The English town of Bath is called that because it was the site of a famous Roman bath. You can still visit it today.

They changed what type of ruler they had

The Romans were actually a republic when they first started out. That means that they were ruled over by a king. The Roman Republic lasted from around 509 BCE to 27 BCE. After that, Rome became an empire. This meant that an emperor ruled over the vast land that Rome had conquered. This meant that more power could be given to local leaders. The Roman Empire lasted until the fall of Rome in 476 CE.

We still use some of their roads today

When Rome invaded Britain, it was covered in forests. Any roads were just tracks that had been cleared by hunters and travelers. Small paths between villages were made by hard earth. The Romans changed all this.

The Romans were very efficient. They built towns and forts in places that would be easy to access. They designed their roads to take the shortest journey possible. They were so