

Teacher notes

Year 3: Term 2 – First Impressions

Unit overview and guidance

Introduce the theme – explore the phrase first impressions

- Discuss what the phrase ‘first impressions’ means. Why are first impressions important?
- Explore whether the pupils have ever experienced when a first impression has been inaccurate.

Exploring Non-fiction – Text: Stephen Hawking by Ross Montgomery

- See separate lesson notes



Exploring Fiction – Text: Arthur – the Rightful King of England by Ross Montgomery

- See separate lesson notes



Exploring Poetry – Text: Together Again by Joshua Seigal

- See separate lesson notes



Pulling it all together – explore the theme of first impressions

Discuss the questions below, exploring the theme of first impressions with the pupils.

- Have you ever heard the phrase ‘don’t judge a book by its cover’? If you have, can you explain what it means? How would you connect this saying to the three texts in this collection?

- Which text taught you the most about not making judgements based on first impressions? Why was this?
- Which was your favourite text in the collection? What was it that made it so enjoyable?