

LITERACY AND ENGLISH - LIT

CLOSE READING QUESTIONS FOR 'LAZARUS' BY JOHN CUMMING

1. What time of year do you think the story takes place in? (Find clues in Paragraphs 1 + 3 + the final paragraph)
2. What is the significance of the "yalloo tee-shirt" he is wearing?
3. Robbie is pretending to be his hero, a "wirld cyclin champion". Why might Bradley Wiggins be his hero?
4. Who is your hero and why?
5. Do you think "stars" (in sport, music, film etc) have a responsibility as role-models for young people?
6. Why did Robbie take the bird to Jessie?
7. Why did she name the bird "Lazarus"?
8. What features of Jessie's house differ from the traditional "but-an-ben"?
9. Why has she had her house altered to look this way?
10. What are your thoughts on the end of the story and the delivery Robbie gets from Jessie?
11. Do you think of Jessie as an old person? Do old people have anything to offer young people?