

Goodnight Mister Tom – Chapter 1 Tasks

LO: To infer meaning from a text.

Think about the following question.

How can an author give us information about a character?

These are questions that can be worth up to 6 marks, meaning they need to be very detailed with clear reasons and evidence taken from the text.

Task 1:

What do we learn about William from the first chapter?

Think about:

- his appearance/what Mr Tom spots (page 2 and 5)
- how he acts around Mr Tom and the meal he is given (p 5)
- what we find out about his past (pages 6 and 7)
- how he reacts to his surrounding (pages 10 and 11)

Use evidence from the text.

For example: *First we learn that William looks pale and sickly-looking this tell us that he might not eat properly and may be treated badly.* (6 marks)

Task 2:

What do we learn about Tom Oakley (Mr Tom) from the first chapter? Think about:

- his appearance (page 2)
- the way in which he talks (page 3)
- the way he treats William (pages 4 and 5)
- how he recognises what William is like (page 14)

Use evidence from the text (6 marks)

For example: *In this chapter we find out that Mr Tom is _____ because it says _____. Also, he speaks _____. This tells us _____*