

An Activity on:

Doctor Doom

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Purpose: to write **non-narrative texts** based on situations and events in *Doctor Doom*. It is necessary to have read *Doctor Doom*. It would be helpful to have a few copies of the book on hand for Activity 1.

NB: this activity is for students already familiar with different types of non-narrative text.

Introduction: Ceci says, 'Most of what you read in a Tale of Trouble like *Doctor Doom* is there to tell the story, or narrative. But sometimes you come across non-narrative text, for example the tips in '*The Good Spy's Handbook*' and the newspaper articles in *Loose Ends*. Non-narrative texts in a story have three important uses: they can be entertaining, they can make the story seem more real and they can be a clear and direct way of explaining something.'

Brainstorm/ elicit different kinds of non-narrative text, such as:

- Reports
- Instructions
- Information texts
- Persuasive texts
- Letters
- Diaries
- Advice texts
- Biographies and Interviews.

If necessary, run through the conventions and the differences between them.

Activity 1: Ask everyone in the class – individually or in pairs/small groups - to choose a situation or event in *Doctor Doom* and write a non-narrative text about it. They may need to consult a copy to remind themselves of relevant details. Ideas might include:

- A recipe for one of Sid's pizzas (bacon-and-banana or triple pepperoni);
- An advertisement for Doctor Levity's fancy dress costumes;
- A poster for the Summer Fair;
- Instructions from *The Good Spy's Handbook* on how to tail a suspect;
- A question-and-answer newspaper interview with Oli and Skipjack about their brilliant detective work;
- Leaflets persuading voters to elect Sid / Doctor Levity as the new mayor;
- The mayor's secret diary detailing events from his point of view;
- Mr Bismuth's summary of the case for the Secret Service files on Vakloff and Plunk;
- A full description of one of your more suspicious classmates, like Oli writes about 'Suspect B';
- Constable Bosk's official report on the case for his boss Inspector Flower;
- A book review of *Doctor Doom*.

Activity 2: Now do the same for a situation or event in your current reading book.

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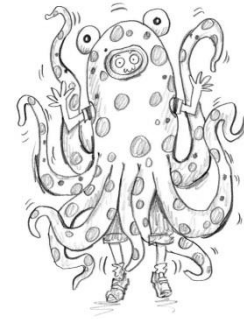
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