



STORY SPECULATIONS



The Legend of Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood

Give out one sentence per child. Using the Voice 21 groupings of 'Onion' or 'Traverse', each child reads their sentence to the child opposite them and spends one minute discussing the clues and what the story could be about. They could also just move around the class choosing other children at random. When they move on, they use the new and previous clues to guess the following aspects of the story, piecing together evidence to back up their theories. You may wish to use our 'Book Knowledge Organisers' to go through the book in more detail at the end if you or the children are unfamiliar with the story.

setting

characters

plot

genre



- 1.) Rabbits live underground, in warrens and burrows: warm and safe, out of the winter frost and ice.
- 2.) Grinding metal followed by the clump of heavy metal boots.
- 3.) This dagger you are holding is our warren's greatest treasure:
- 4.) He remembered being shown how to chop down a tree, back when his father was trying to teach him how to do chores.
- 5.) He had been pinned to the ground. He was trapped.
- 6.) A black-furred giant with torn ears and a missing arm.
- 7.) There were piles of rubbish mouldering rubbish all over the floor, adding to the stink of decay.
- 8.) The tunnel grew darker and damper.
- 9.) I have my own sword, boy. This is just a little dagger.
- 10.) Of course, as the club was made of wood, the magic dagger sliced through it like it was a giant cucumber.
- 11.) It is magic. It can cut through anything in the world. Except iron.
- 12.) They threw open the lid and began to rummage inside, flinging copper coins, cut purses and empty mead jugs everywhere.



13.) Torchlight glinted off their cruel armour as they stood in formation, looking around at the place they had just destroyed with their blank red eyes.

14.) It was like climbing inside of a chimney.

15.) They all ran, as far and fast into the forest as they could - just as if the devil himself were behind them.

16.) The forest became dense, choked with branches.

17.) The fireplace was carved stone, and there were feasting tables and hundreds of wooden chairs, all with a little pine cone carved into the back, all sitting quietly in the dark, waiting for the next feast to begin.

18.) The fight with stone weapons, but they are deadly and well-trained warriors.

19.) How did you go blind? If you don't mind me asking, that is.

20.) Then, with his dreams as warm as his toes, he fell asleep.

21.) The winter days were spent keeping busy.

22.) So we're just going to sit here and let them kill our mother too? Or turn her into some kind of slave?

23.) They had all been tucking into bowls of stew and loaves of bread.

24.) The iron-clad warriors looked even more terrifying.

25.) There, arms chained to each side, were two rabbits.

26.) And that was when the camp gates burst open.

27.) Could the chieftain, or the rabbit he was before, still be alive in there somewhere?

28.) Their already terrified beasts toppled over, trampling and crushing them into the snow.

29.) "Well," says the sensible rabbit. "He hasn't taken his hood off since he got here. Why else would he keep it on, unless he was hiding his missing ear?"

30.) He looks like any ancient old warrior that could be found in the corner of any warren throughout the whole Five Realms.