



STATE DA VINCI DECATHLON 2017

CELEBRATING THE ACADEMIC GIFTS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS
YEARS 5 & 6



ENGLISH

TEAM NUMBER _____

2017 da Vinci Decathlon
English Challenge - Years 5 & 6

MOTHER NATURE'S POWER

ACTIVITY ONE: SPELLING

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(TOTAL 10 MARKS)

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2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

GIRL POWER

ACTIVITY TWO: LITERATURE

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	Louisa May Alcott	Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy
<i>Matilda</i>		Matilda Wormwood

	Enid Blyton	George Kirrin
<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>		Anne Frank
<i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i>	C. S. Lewis	
<i>The Harry Potter Series</i>		Hermione Granger
	E.B. White	Fern Arable
<i>The Paper Bag Princess</i>	Robert Munsch	

BOY POWER

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	Harper Lee	Atticus Finch
	Nick Podehl	August Pullman
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THE POWER OF WORDS

ACTIVITY FOUR: WRITING TASK

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THE POWER WITHIN

ACTIVITY FIVE: ANALYSING LITERATURE

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On the train ride to Barberton, Peekay meets Hoppie Groenwald, who shows Peekay his boxing gloves. Hoppie is a boxing champion, and he invites Peekay to watch him box during a stop in the ride. It is there that Peekay is inspired to be the welterweight champion of the world. Hoppie teaches Peekay the phrase "First with your head, then with the heart," a phrase which Peekay commits to memory. At Barberton, Peekay sees his mother again. She has returned from the mental institution and converted to being a born-again-Christian. Retreating to the hills behind his home, Peekay meets a German professor, Karl von Vollenstein, to whom Peekay refers as "Doc." Doc is a music professor and botanist who collects cacti and has his own cacti garden. Doc and Peekay become close friends, and he offers Peekay piano lessons. When World War II breaks out, Doc is taken into the Barberton prison for being an unregistered alien. Peekay visits him every day for piano lessons, and attends the prison's boxing squad. A prisoner with whom Peekay becomes friends, Geel Piet, teaches him to box, and Peekay leads the team to a victory. Later, Peekay develops great sympathy for the prisoners and arranges Doc and Geel Piet a letter-writing service and a tobacco distribution service. This makes Peekay very famous among the prisoners, and they call him the great chief "Tadpole Angel" (a reference to Doc being the "Frog" for his nightly piano playing). One of the wardens discovers that some suspicious activity has been going on, and one night, Geel Piet is murdered in the gym.

The War ends, and Doc finds himself free again. Ms. Boxhall, the local librarian, and a Jewish schoolteacher, Miss Bornstein, work with Doc to further encourage the blossoming of Peekay's intellect with many activities such as science, literature and chess. He passes his Royal College of Music exams and earns the best under-twelve boxer in the region. With the help of his guides, Peekay is accepted into the prestigious Prince of Wales school in Johannesburg.

At the Prince of Wales, Peekay partners with the son of a Jewish millionaire, Morrie Levy. They pull off many "scams" to earn money and Peekay joins the school's ailing boxing team. Morrie becomes Peekay's manager and they pull off the first win of the school in many years. Peekay then starts boxing lessons with South Africa's famous, Solly Goldman. Peekay grows to be a stranger to failure, excelling at academics, boxing and rugby. Near the end of his last year of school, he must face the death of Doc and not earning a Rhodes scholarship, therefore missing his chance to join Morrie at Oxford to study law.

As a result, Peekay takes a year off of boxing and academics and goes to work in Northern Rhodesia's copper mines to "find himself" and build up the muscle to become a welterweight. He takes on the dangerous work of a "grizzly man" as required by all new miners, but continues on to earn double wages, thereby saving enough to attend Oxford. At the mines, he meets a Georgian called Rasputin and they become close friends. When Peekay has an accident in his shaft, Rasputin saves Peekay, but gives his own life up instead. Rasputin names Peekay as his beneficiary; that and his own insurance payout gives him enough to be able to attend Oxford. One night before Peekay leaves the mining camp, Peekay meets his old nemesis, the Judge, in a bar at the mines. The Judge is in an insane rage due to handling mine explosives and tries to kill Peekay. A fight ensues and Peekay applies all he has learned in his life to destroy the Judge. After defeating the Judge, Peekay carves a Union Jack and the initials "PK" over the Swastika in the Judge's arm.

1. Quotations	
Select which major <i>Power of One</i> theme is best represented by each book quotation.	
You are able to select from the themes listed below.	
(Subtotal: 8 marks)	
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Revenge	Race
Society and Class	Isolation
Coming of Age	Principles
Dreams and Hopes	Religion
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<p>I was seldom concerned with winning a particular fight; instead, I was cultivating the habit of winning.</p>	
<p>'[. . . A] classical piano player in the family was a social equalizer almost as good as money.'</p>	
<p>'It is better just to get on with the business of living and minding your own business and maybe, if God likes the way you do things, he may just let you flower for a day or a night. But don't go pestering and begging and telling him all your stupid little sins, that way you will spoil his day. Absoloodle.'</p>	
<p>'As I sat on the rock high on my hill, and as the sun began to set over the bushveld, I grew up. Just like that.'</p>	

2. Comprehension: Multiple Choice
(Subtotal: 8 marks)

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 - d) Inkosi-Inkosikazi puts him to sleep

2. To which tribe does Mary Mandoma belong?
 - a) Shangaan
 - b) Xhosa
 - c) Zulu
 - d) Sotho

3. From what does Peekay's mother suffer?
 - a) Chicken pox
 - b) Influenza
 - c) Newcastle disease
 - d) A nervous breakdown

4. What kind of world boxing champion does Peekay aspire to be?
 - a) Lightweight
 - b) Heavyweight
 - c) Welterweight
 - d) Bantamweight

5. What gift do the Barberton prisoners give to Peekay?
 - a) Boxing gloves
 - b) A couple of King Georgies
 - c) Hat
 - d) Kneepads

6. What does Doc have in his hand when he first meets Peekay?
 - a) A camera
 - b) A cactus
 - c) Beethoven's Symphony Number Five
 - d) A bottle

7. Our protagonist doesn't fit in when he first goes away to school. Why not?
 - a) He's the youngest student there
 - b) He's English while the rest are Afrikaners
 - c) He's new
 - d) All the above

8. The Judge, the older boy that leads the group tormenting our hero, returns from break with a tattoo. What is the image?
 - a) A swastika
 - b) A Zulu Impi
 - c) An Afrikaner slogan
 - d) A hula girl

3. Comprehension: Short answer response
(Subtotal: 8 marks)

How does Peekay take revenge on the judge?	
Who shows Peekay the three waterfalls and ten stepping-stones?	
What are the loneliness birds' eggs made of?	
When do the loneliness birds' eggs finally get washed away?	
According to Peekay, who "liked to use words like 'sorely troubled' and 'weighed heavily' in her debates"?	

SUPERPOWERS

ACTIVITY SIX: POETRY ANALYSIS

Spiderman by Dennis Martindale.

Please note intentional editing mistakes have been made in this poem. **(TOTAL: 20 MARKS)**

Spider-Man: With Great power Comes Great Responsibility!

By Denis Martindale

Each man on earth who strives for good
And seek to bless the neighborhood
Should ask himself what gifts he owns
To fight the evil crime condones!
Yet what of you who walks runs, flies,
With spinning webs to cross the skies,
With strength and even prophecy
Show great responsible!

Split-second moves can save a life,
Thus bring peace to what was strife,
Defeating death before it laughs
And thus preventing epitaphs...
Inaction leads to utter loss -
A headstone and a tragic cross!
To overcome such infamy
Show great responsibility!

When greatness comes, it turns the mind -
Perhaps to benefit Mankind...
Perhaps to compensate your pains
Yet conscience blesses and restrains.
Therefore its best to hear the call
Through it may drive you up the wall!
Don't think it's random destiny!
Show great responsibility!

So Peter parker persevere -
Despite your doubt, despite your fear
Despite your hate, despite your love
Despite your thoughts just rise above
Tenacity are needed now -
Not posing for some gracious bow...
Superhero, does all you can
To honor the name of Spider-Man

1. Proofreading: Punctuation

Identify and highlight 8 punctuation errors and **write the correct punctuation into the poem.**

(Subtotal: 4 marks- ½ mark each)

2. Poetic Devices

Choose an example from the poem of each poetic device.

(Subtotal: 8 marks)

Poetry Device	Poem Example
Repetition	
Rhetorical question	
Couplet	
Personification	
Visual imagery	
Symbolism	
Alliteration	
Oxymoron	

3. Vocabulary

Write a definition for the following words found in the poem

(Subtotal: 8 marks)

Vocabulary	Definition
condones	
prophecy	
epitaphs	
infamy	
compensate	
tenacity	
persevere	
restrains	

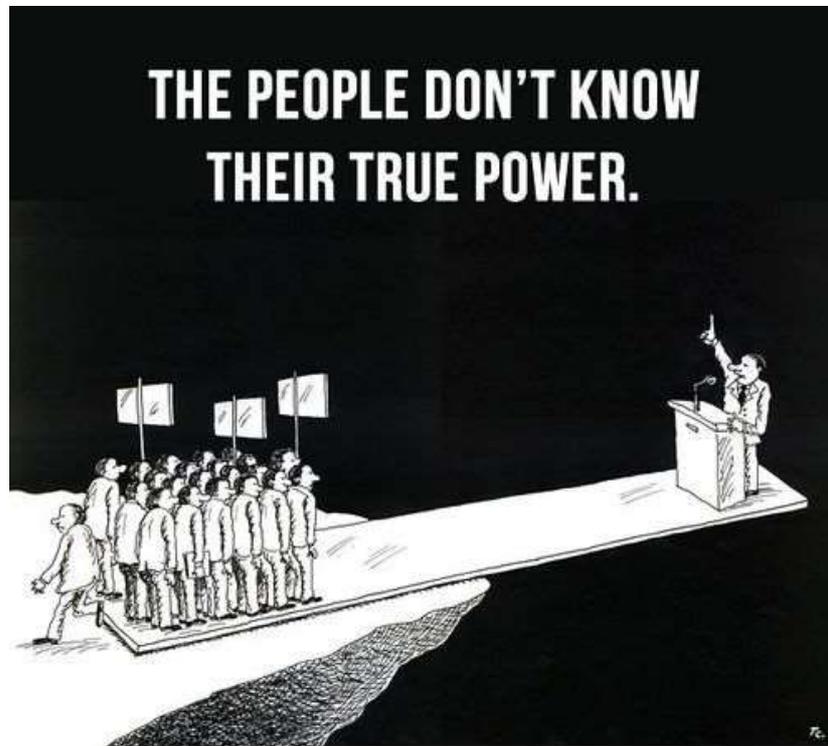
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1. Major themes: Power

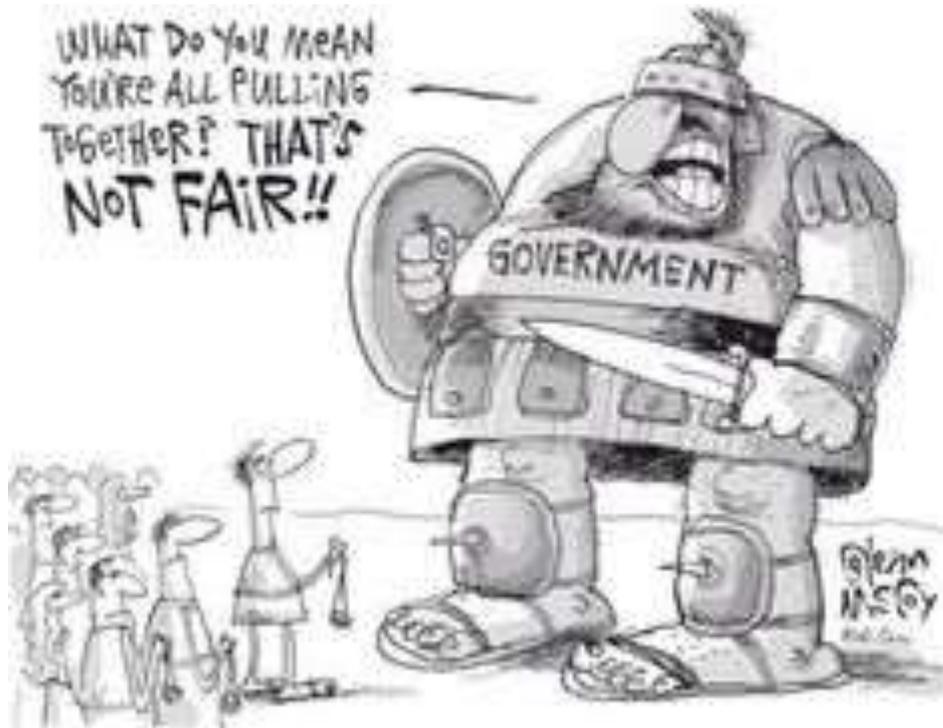
What should be the title of Activity Seven? Write it in the space above, _____ AND _____
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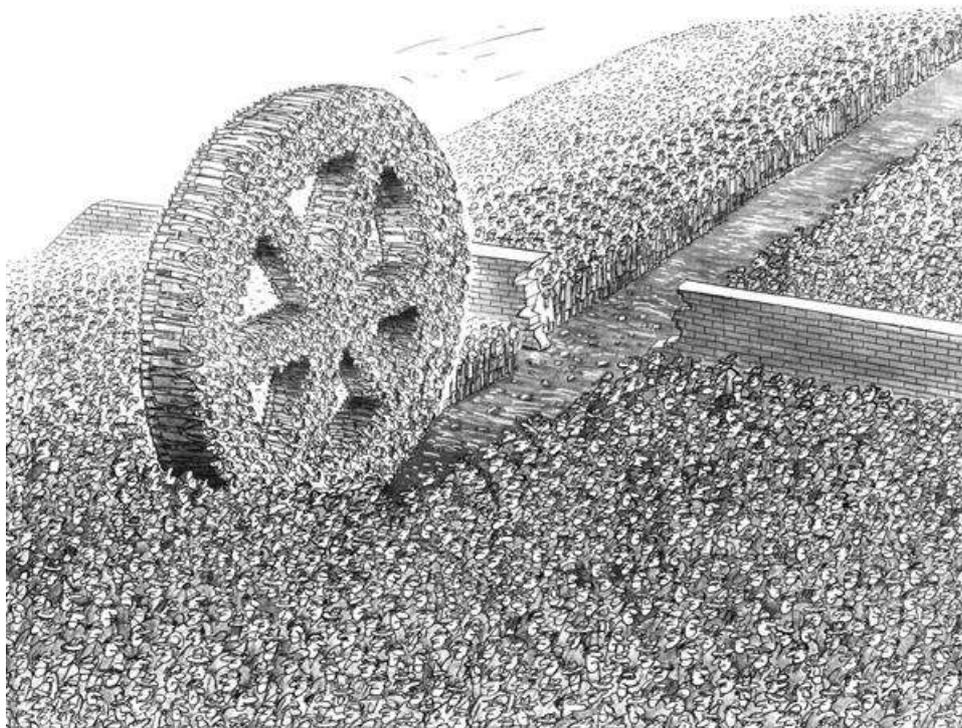
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Cartoon 3



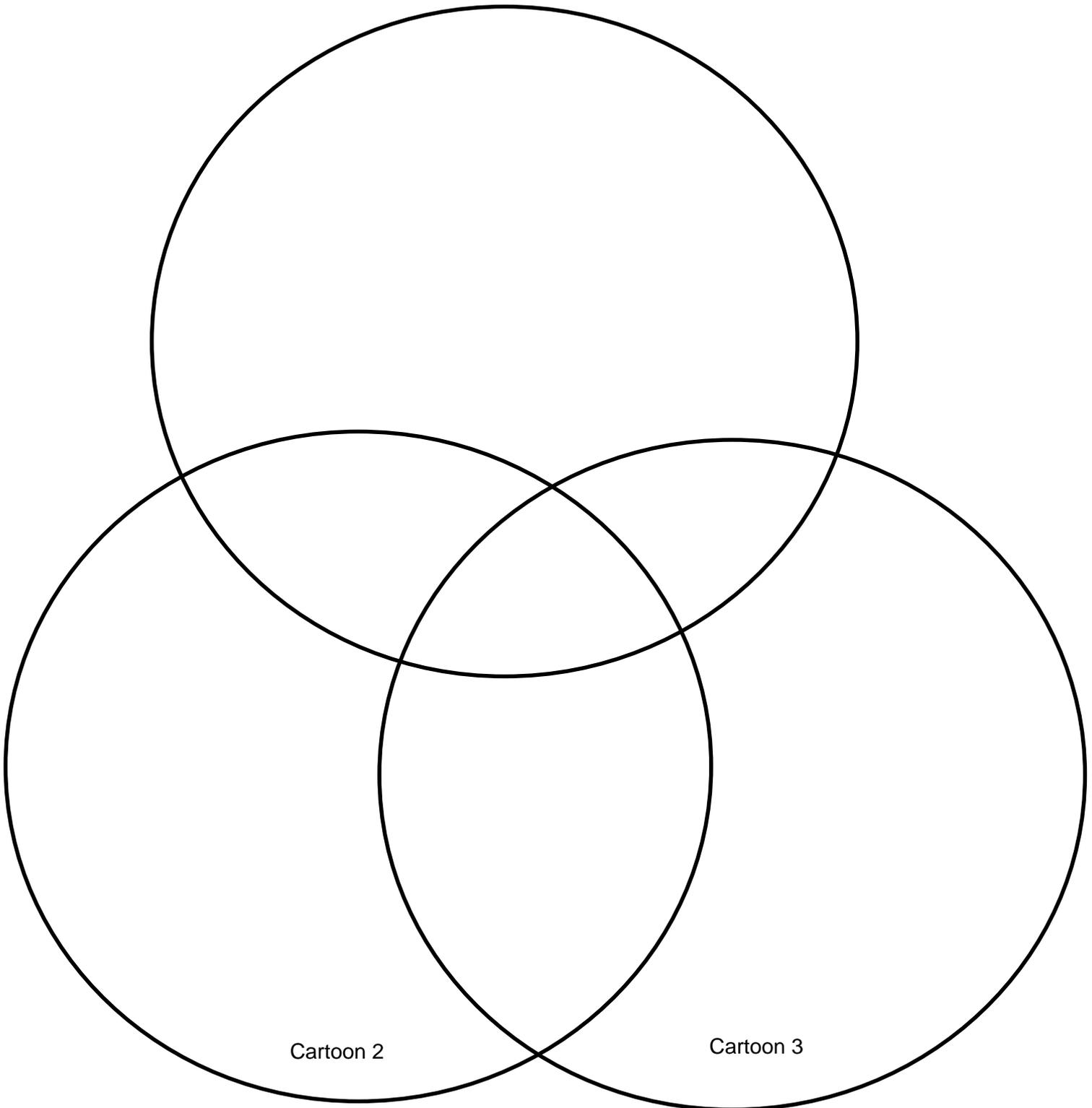
2. Comparing and Contrasting: Venn Diagram

Compare and contrast the three cartoons using the Venn Diagram below.

(Subtotal: 7 marks)

Identify and justify reasonable similarities and differences between the 3 cartoons for each section of the Venn Diagram.

Cartoon 1





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MOTHER NATURE'S POWER

ACTIVITY ONE: SPELLING

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<p>1. avalanche a large mass of snow, ice, etc., detached from a mountain slope and sliding or falling suddenly downward</p>	<p>6. tsunami an unusually large sea wave produced by a seaquake or undersea volcanic eruption.</p>
<p>2. catastrophe a sudden and widespread disaster</p>	<p>7. seismic pertaining to, of the nature of, or caused by an earthquake or vibration of the earth, whether due to natural or artificial causes.</p>
<p>3. phenomenon a fact, occurrence, or circumstance observed or observable</p>	<p>8. inundate to flood; cover or overspread with water; deluge.</p>
<p>4. magnitude size; extent; dimensions</p>	<p>9. apocalypse any universal or widespread destruction or disaster</p>
<p>5. cataclysmic of, relating to, or resulting from a <u>cataclysm</u>.</p>	<p>10. geohazard a geological state that may lead to widespread damage or risk</p>

GIRL POWER

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You are able to select from the themes listed below.

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3. Comprehension: Short answer response
(Subtotal: 8 marks)

How does Peekay take revenge on the judge?	Carving his initials and a Union Jack into his arm	
Who shows Peekay the three waterfalls and ten stepping-stones?	Inkosi-Inkosikazi	
What are the loneliness birds' eggs made of?	Stone	
When do the loneliness birds' eggs finally get washed away?	When Peekay avenges Granpa Chook's death	
According to Peekay, who "liked to use words like 'sorely troubled' and 'weighed heavily' in her debates"?	Peekay's mother	
Who says, "You killed Granpa Chook!"?	Peekay	

What is Morrie's religion?	Judaism	
What does Geel Piet teach Peekay?	Boxing	

4. Extended Literacy response
(Subtotal: 6 marks)

What is 'the power of one'? How does it affect Peekay's life and the lives of those around him? Is there a mystical or religious component to it, something beyond human causation, or is it something that anyone can learn to develop?

Criteria	Sound	Effective	Skillful
Reasonably defines 'the power of one' in the context of the novel.	½	1	2
Uses at least 3 examples from the text to justify how 'the power of one' affects Peekay's life and the lives of those around him.	½	1	2
Reasonably justifies for or against mystical/religious/ beyond human causation versus something that anyone can learn.	½	1	2

SUPERPOWERS

ACTIVITY SIX: POETRY ANALYSIS

Spiderman by Dennis Martindale.

Please note intentional editing mistakes have been made in this poem. **(TOTAL: 20 MARKS)**

Spider-Man: With Great power Comes Great Responsibility!

By Denis Martindale

Each man on **E**arth who strives for good
And **seeks** to bless the neighborhood
Should ask himself what gifts he owns
To fight the evil crime condones!
Yet what of you who walks, runs, flies,
With spinning webs to cross the skies,
With strength and even prophecy?
Show great **responsibility!**

Split-second moves can save a life,
Thus bring peace to what was strife,
Defeating death before it laughs
And thus preventing epitaphs...
Inaction leads to utter loss -
A headstone and a tragic cross!
To overcome such infamy
Show great responsibility!

When greatness comes, it turns the mind -
Perhaps to benefit Mankind...
Perhaps to compensate your pains
Yet conscience blesses and restrains.
Therefore **it's** best to hear the call
Through it may drive you up the wall!
Don't think it's random destiny!
Show great responsibility!

So Peter **P**arker persevere -
Despite your doubt, despite your fear
Despite your hate, despite your love
Despite your thoughts just rise above
Tenacity is needed now -
Not posing for some gracious bow...
Superhero, **do** all you can
To honor the name of Spider-Man

1. Proofreading: Punctuation and grammar

Identify and highlight 8 punctuation and grammatical errors and **write the correct punctuation and grammar corrections on the poem.**

(Subtotal: 4 marks- ½ mark each)

2. Poetic Devices

Choose an example from the poem of each poetic device.

(Subtotal: 8 marks)

Poetry Device	Poem Example
Repetition	despite
Rhetorical question	Yet what of you who walks, runs, flies,
Couplet	With spinning webs to cross the skies,
Personification	With strength and even prophecy?
Visual imagery	Example of any rhyming pair
Symbolism	Defeating death before it laughs
Alliteration	
Oxymoron	spinning webs to cross the skies

3. Vocabulary

Write a definition for the following words found in the poem

(Subtotal: 8 marks)

Vocabulary	Definition
condones	to pardon or forgive
prophecy	the foretelling or prediction of what is to come
epitaphs	a commemorative inscription on a tomb
infamy	extremely bad reputation
compensate	to counterbalance; offset; be equivalent to
tenacity	of holding fast; persistence:
persevere	maintain a purpose in spite of difficulty, obstacles, or
restrains	discouragement

POLITICAL AND PEOPLE POWERS

1. Major themes: Power

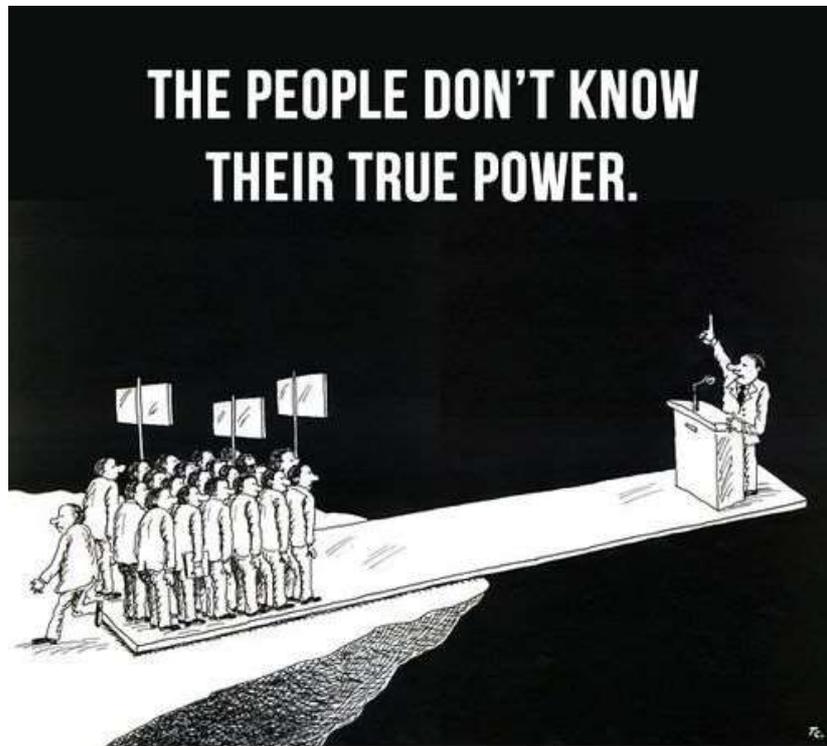
What should be the title of Activity Seven? Write it in the space above, _____ AND _____

POWER

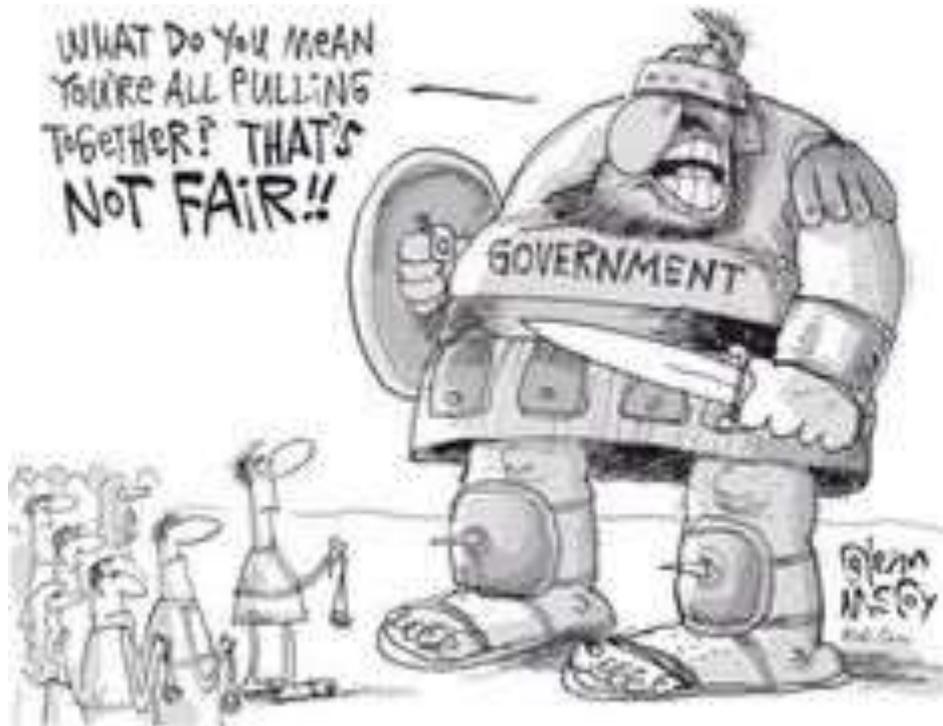
(Subtotal: 3 marks) ½ mark each for identifying similarities and differences

½ mark each for reasonable justifications of similarities and differences referencing the cartoons

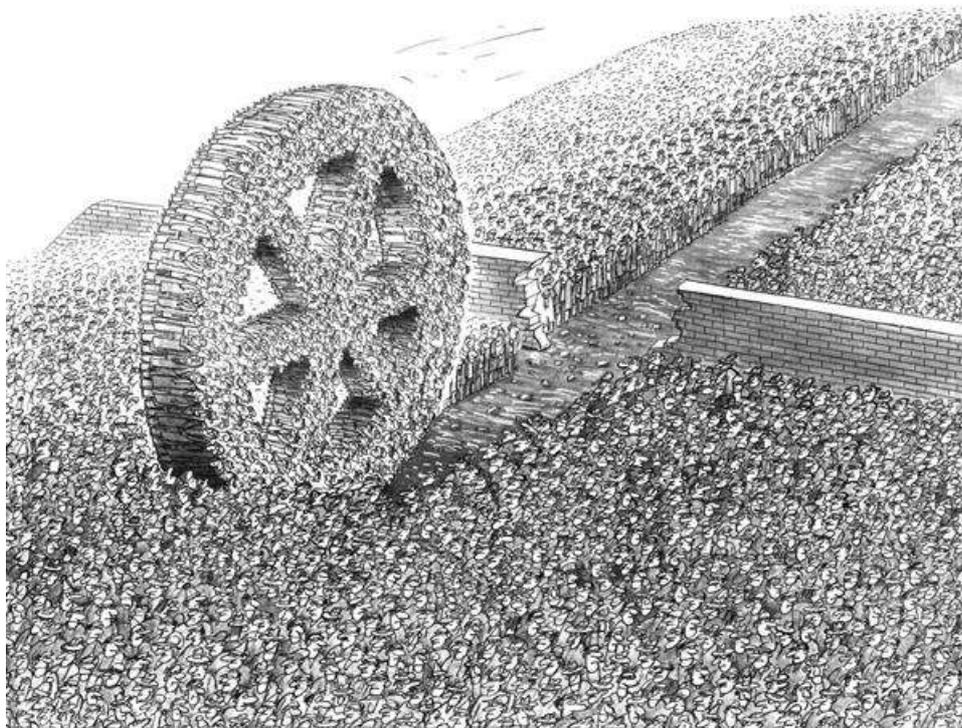
Cartoon 1



Cartoon 2



Cartoon 3



2. Comparing and Contrasting: Venn Diagram

Compare and contrast the three cartoons using the Venn Diagram below.

(Subtotal: 7 marks)

Identify and justify reasonable similarities and differences between the 3 cartoons for each section of the Venn Diagram.

