The Happy Prince Activities B2

📖 Step 1 - A. Reading

Read the article. There are twelve mistakes in the following summary. Try to underline the mistakes, then correct them. Check with the article if you need help.

Oscar Wilde

The title of the latest biopic about American author Oscar Wilde is The Happy Prince.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900) was an unknown writer in Victorian London.

Wilde grew up in Edinburgh. His mother was an Irish poet, while his father was a doctor. Oscar was an outstanding student, first at Trinity College, Dublin, and then at Oxford, and he became known for his outfits, his hairdo and of course his witty language.

Wilde married Constance Lloyd, a wealthy young Englishwoman, in 1884, and they had two sons. It was for his sons that Wilde wrote a collection of poems called The Happy Prince and Other Tales.

Rupert Everett met Wilde when he was young. When he became an actor, he played in several of Wilde's plays.

Everett decided to focus on Wilde's childhood, a particularly difficult period.

In 1895, Wilde was very notorious with four hit plays in three years.

He had an affair with a young Oxford student however homosexuality was illegal. After being accused by the young man's father, Wilde decided to sue him. It was a wise decision. He was sent to jail.

The biopic focuses on Wilde's life after jail. He spent the rest of his life in London and died being praised and admired by his wealthy friends because of his talent. His wife was proud of him. Bosie decided to meet him again and they could not change their relationship.

Everett underlines that it is the man he wants to celebrate, not just his works.

The short story "The Happy Prince" is about a prince transformed into a statue and a parallel is made with Wilde's miserable last years of existence.

B. Vocabulary

1. Find the adjectives from the article associated with these nouns.

a. happiness   _____

b. success   _____

c. fame   _____

d. aristocrat   _____

e. tragedy   _____

f. brilliance   _____

2. Fill in the grid with antonyms based on adjectives from the article.

a. unhappy   _____

b. unsuccessful   _____

c. popular   _____

d. illegal   _____

e. appealing   _____

f. carefree   _____

Step 2

"The Happy Prince" On Twitter

A. In pairs: Reading these Tweets, choose one and present it to the class: (when, who, what for, your opinion about this tweet).

Kristofer Purnell
@mrsummerpurn 16 Dec   Follow

In his directorial debut of The Happy Prince (2018), whatever Rupert Everett lacked behind the camera, he made up for in front of it. As Oscar Wilde, he extends the emotional struggles the author had in his final years, painted beautifuly by John Conroy's cinematography.

John Kerridge
@Northernecho 15 Dec   Follow

Lazy Saturday afternoon film. The Happy Prince. Rupert Everett's portrayal of the sad final demise of Oscar Wilde. Powerful without being sentimental. A very worthy, important & enjoyable film.

Colwinston Cinema
Saturday 15 December 2018   Follow

Colwinston Village Hall
Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start.
Pay on the foor £5 (£4 under 18s)

Penguin Books NZ
@PenguinBooks_NZ 13 Dec   Follow

Win 1 of 4 double passes to see The Happy Prince, based on the life of Oscar Wilde! To enter, simply RT and be sure to follow us here on Twitter. Winners will be drawn Dec 17th. Terms and conditions apply. Best of luck, readers!

B. Your turn! Write a tweet about Oscar Wilde, his life and the biopic to present and recommend it!
#TheHappyPrince or #Wilde can be used.

In 140 characters or less, write a tweet about today's topic, Oscar Wilde.

Step 3 - Definition of a Biopic

A. Group work: in groups try and define the "biopic genre", give examples.

B. Definitions
Which one is the definition of:

> a horror story ● a fiction ● novel ● fairy-tale ● a short story
> ● memoir ● a biography ● an autobiography ● a biopic ● a gothic story.

a. the life story of a person written by someone else _____

b. a film about the life of a real person_____

c. a story about imaginary characters and events_____

d. a book about a person's life, written by that person _____

e. a book or other piece of writing based on the writer's personal knowledge of famous people, places, or events_____

f. used to describe writing or films in which terrifying things happen in frightening places _____

g. the type of book or story that is written about imaginary characters and events and not based on real people and facts _____

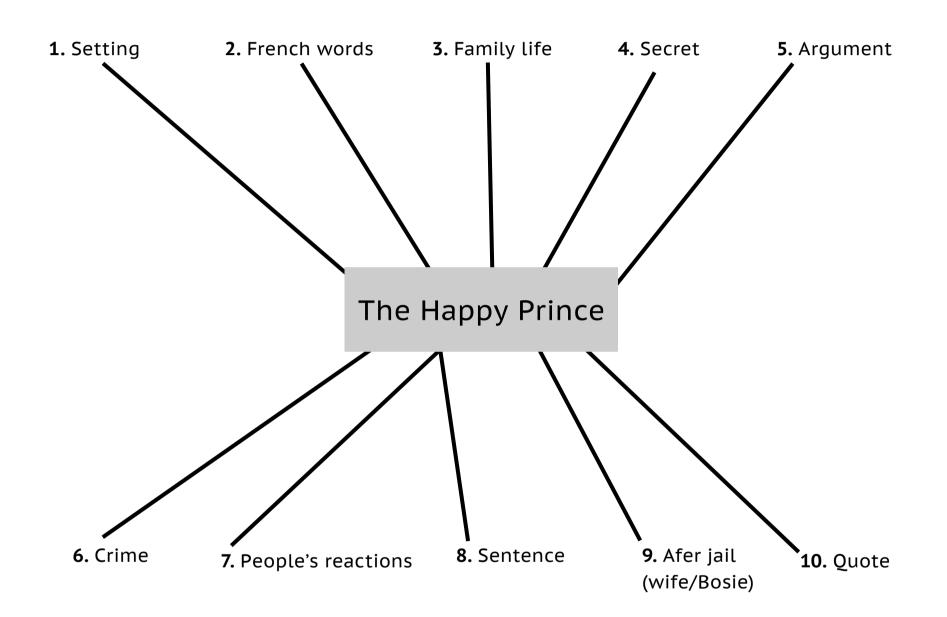**h.** a traditional story written for children that usually involves imaginary creatures and magic _____

i. an invented story that is no more than about 10,000 words in length:_____

j. a story in which very frightening and unnatural things happen _____

🔊 *Step 4*

A. Watch the trailer and take notes using the mindmap
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8YiltlZGB0

1. Setting   **2.** French words   **3.** Family life   **4.** Secret   **5.** Argument

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6. Crime   **7.** People's reactions   **8.** Sentence   **9.** Afer jail (wife/Bosie)   **10.** Quote

B. Partner check: With a classmate, check for the information you gathered and add details

C. Class recap: .present and listen to the other groups to write a short paragraph about this trailer.

D. In pairs: Will you go and see this movie? Discuss it for 3 minutes.