

Owl Hall

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A Before Reading

1 a Which of these book and film genres do you like?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> action / adventure | <input type="checkbox"/> fantasy | <input type="checkbox"/> romance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> comedy | <input type="checkbox"/> ghost | <input type="checkbox"/> science fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> crime / thriller | <input type="checkbox"/> historical | <input type="checkbox"/> war |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drama | <input type="checkbox"/> horror | <input type="checkbox"/> western |

b Look at the cover of *Owl Hall*. Which genre do you think it is? _____

2 a Look at the pictures of the characters in the book and complete the sentences with their names.



Martin



Mum



The boy



Kara



Howard

- 1 _____ is fifteen years old and is quiet and shy.
- 2 _____ is _____'s younger brother. He is thirteen, and is very different from his sister.
- 3 _____ lives in a house near Owl Hall. He's about forty years old and has black hair.
- 4 _____ is a mysterious character. Who is he? Why don't we know his name?
- 5 _____ has brought her children to Owl Hall for a nice relaxing holiday.

b The title of the book is *Owl Hall*. Choose the correct definition of the word *owl*.

- a A place in the middle of the country.
- b A large bird with a big head and eyes.
- c The top part of a building.

- c Look at the cover of the book and the pictures of the characters. What do you think happens in the story?

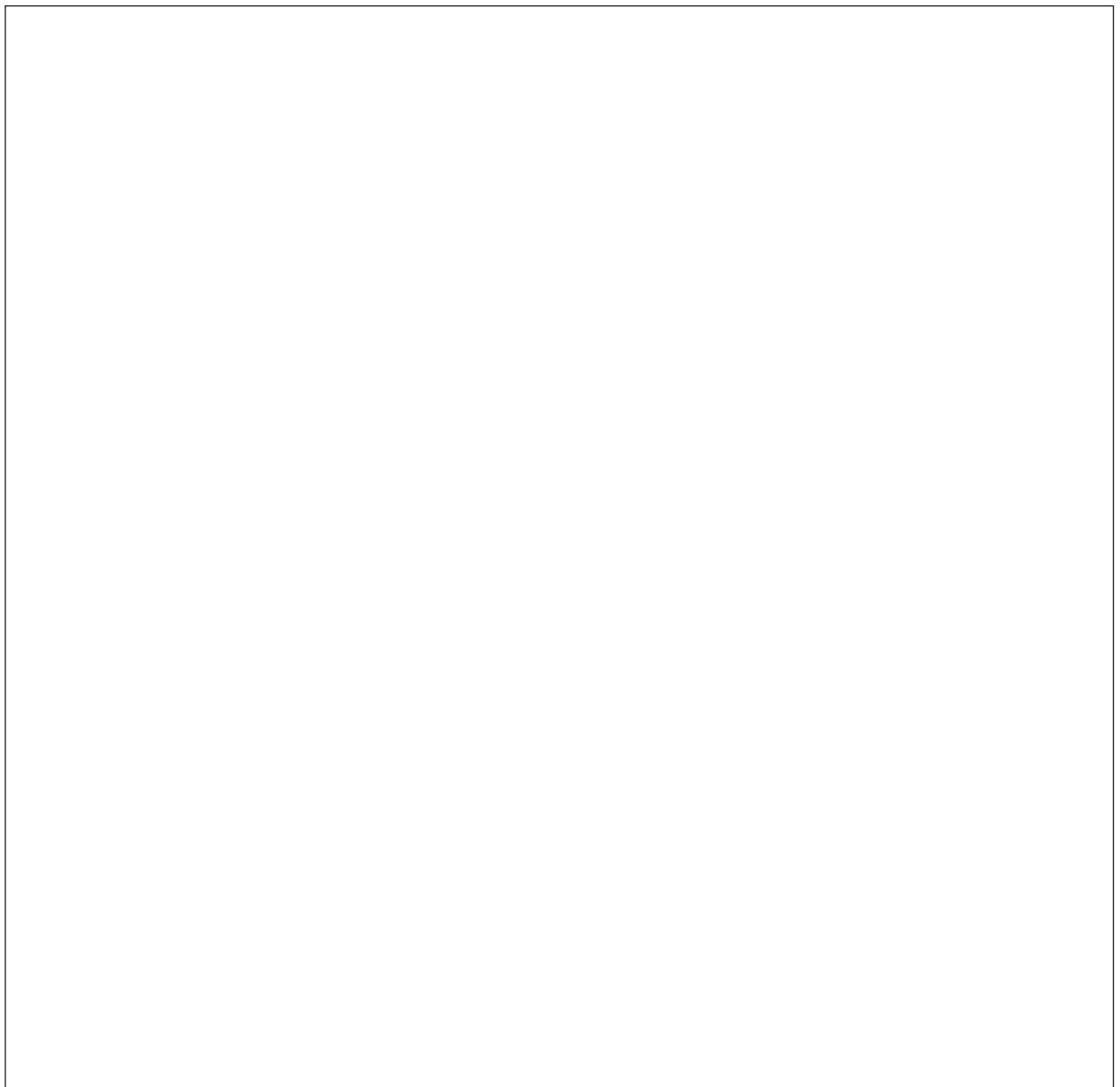
B While Reading

- 3 a As you read, make a note of any information you find about these different locations.

Main entrance and courtyard	<i>a large metal gate,</i>
Kara's room	
Martin's room	
Kitchen	
Living room	
Games room	
Barn	

House on the hill	
Basement	
Cottage	
Lake and island	

- b** Based on what you read, draw a map showing the places above and any other places from the story. Label the different places.



4 As the story develops, what do we discover about the characters?

Kara *She is very different from her brother;*

Martin

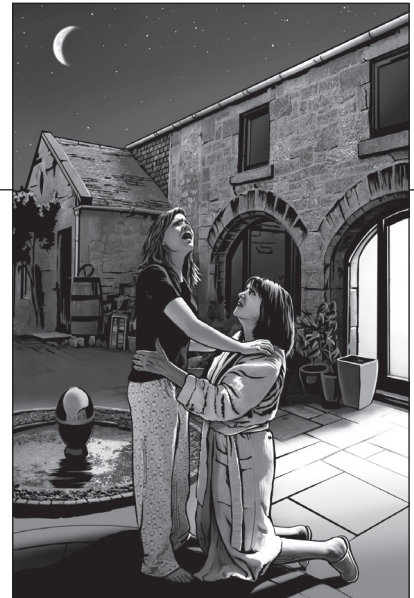
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C After Reading

5 a Describe what is happening in the picture.



b Have you ever had a nightmare? Can you remember what happened?

6 a If a story has a 'twist', it contains a sudden unexpected change. What is the main twist in *Owl Hall* and when does it happen?

b Were you surprised by the twist or did you see it coming?

c What other twists are there in the story?

d Name another film or book that has a twist. What happens in the story?

- 7 Write the beginning of Chapter 13. You can write about what happens to Kara next or what happens to John. You could write about John's case file or imagine that you are arriving at Owl Hall as Kara is leaving.

Chapter Thirteen