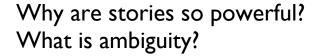


# Y7 HT2: A MONSTER CALLS



## **BIG QUESTIONS**

Why do people tell stories? How can we overcome suffering?



#### THE BIGGER PICTURE

- A Monster Calls is a story about novel about love, loss and hope from the twice Carnegie Medal-winning Patrick Ness.
- Set in present-day England, it features a boy who struggles to cope with the consequences of his mother's illness.
- Author Patrick Ness wrote the novel based on an idea by author Siobhan Dowd.
- Dowd was terminally ill with cancer when she came up with the idea for the story and died before she could write it.
- The monster in the novel claims to be a version of The Green Man.
- The Green man is a legendary being primarily interpreted as a symbol of rebirth, representing the cycle of new growth that occurs every spring.

#### **TIER 2 VOCABULARY**

- love
- youth
- death
- exuberance
- separation
- spirited
- blame
- pummel
- selfishness
- vulnerable
- fear
- tendril
- tension
- overwhelm

#### **TIER 3 VOCABULARY**

- protagonist
- sermon
- antagonist
- gnarled
- connotation
- succumb
- foreshadow
- apothecary
- anxiety
- remedy
- chemotherapy ailment
- crony
- enlighten

## **ASSESSMENT:**

Exploring how truthful a statement made by a teacher is in relation to a key part of the book in Chapters 23 and 24.

### **CONSIDER:**

- I agree that...
- The writer perhaps presents [character] as...to...
- This suggests...
- This implies...
- This emphasises...

- Overall, I believe that...
- The author may have...
- This statement...
- On the other hand...
- Alternatively, some may say that...
- One reading of this statement...