

Nim's Island

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If Alex Had Social Media . . .

In Nim's Island, Alex had access to email but wasn't involved in any form of social media. What would she have said if she could post constant updates? What kind of photos would she have shared? What hashtags would she have used?

Your job is to create a series of social media posts - images and text, short text or just images - which Alex might have published during the events of Nim's Island. Think about Alex's role as an author and how no one knew who she was and think about how she might use her words to communicate with other people around the world.

When you have completed her posts you might like to:

- Think about how the story might be different if Alex had social media
- A lot of authors create videos. You might like to create a script, story board or video telling a story like Alex might.

Reflection

- How does the story look different when you look at it through Alex's eyes rather than the eyes of the narrator?
- Does your social media feeds demonstrate a good representation of Alex's experiences?

Nim's Island Research Task – Volcanoes



In Nim's Island, Nim climbs up Fire Mountain to see if she can spot Jack, but has to flee when the volcano rumbles and shoots out lava. But what is a volcano?

Your task is to research **volcanoes** and connect what you learn with Nim's Island. Some things you might want to research include:

- What is a volcano?
- How are volcanoes formed?
- What happens when volcanoes are active?
- Are there non-active volcanoes in the world?
- What are some well known volcanoes around the world? Why are they well known?

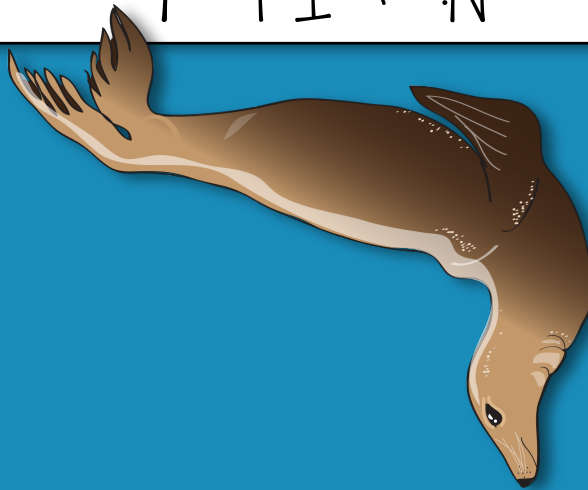
Some of the things you might like to think about:

- Is it safe for Nim to climb a volcano? Do you think she should have climbed it?
- Are volcanoes connected to islands in anyway?
- What are the effects of a volcano erupting?

REMEMBER:

- **Think about key words and ideas for research**
- **Keep records of books and websites you use in your research**
- **Organise your notes so they are easier to use**

Nim's Island
Research Cards



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Sea Lions

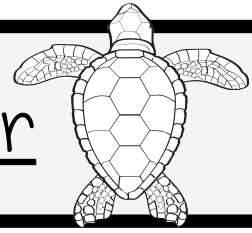
Some things you might want to research include:

- What are the characteristics of sea lions?
- Where do sea lions live in the world?
- What is the habitat of a sea lions like?
- What are the dangers to sea lions?
- How can we look after sea lions?

Some of the things you might like to think about:

- Selkie is a good friend to Nim. What kind of relationship can sea lions form with humans?
- Selkie is an excellent swimmer and uses her swimming to help out Nim throughout the book. How do sea lions use their swimming skills in real life?

Write a Letter to the Character



In Nim's Island, Nim communicates with Jack and Alex through letters and emails. Writing is a very important way of staying in contact for all three of the characters. What would you say if you were communicating with one of them?

Your task is to choose one of the three main characters and pretend you are pen pals with them. Write them a friendly letter. Then write a response from them.

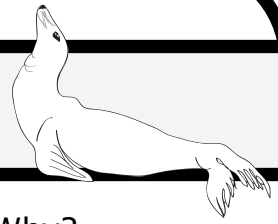
Take it further

When you have written your letters, you might like to:

- Share your letters with your classmates
- Turn your letters into a poster or presentation
- Continue writing letters to create a letter story
- Record your letters on audio to make a podcast

Reflection

What did you learn about the characters by writing to them? Are you happy with the letters you have written? What changes might you make to them?



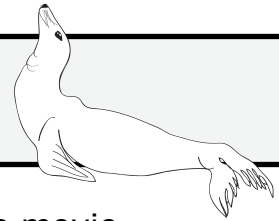
Which Did You Like Better?

Did you like the book of Nim's Island or the movie better? Why?

Write a few paragraphs about which version you preferred. Back up your opinion with examples from the book and the movie.

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners, intended for the student to write their response.

Why Did They Change That?



Choose one event from Nim's Island which was changed in the movie. Think about what the changes were, why they might have changed it and which one was more effective.

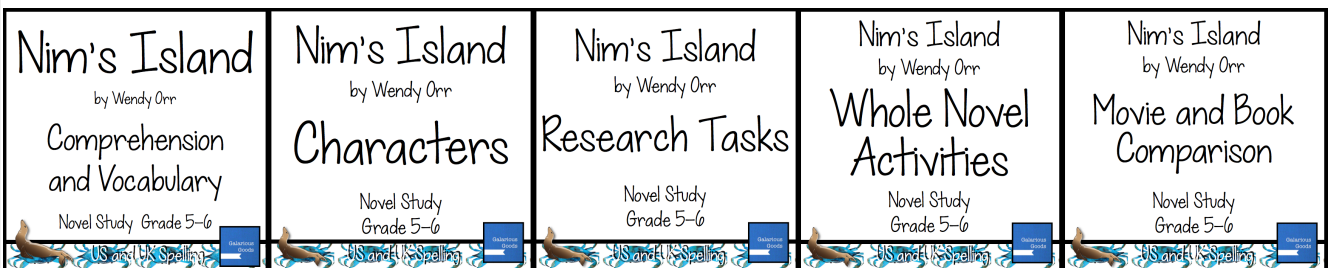
What event did you choose and how is it different between the book and the movie?

Why do you think it was changed for the movie?

Which version was more effective? Why was it more effective?

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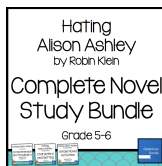
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