

There's a BOY in the GIRLS' Bathroom

The Y5B Interpretation

Question-Pack





MONSTER?

Q: Identify three pieces of evidence to support the claim that Bradley Chalkers is an unpopular child...





‘He was an Island.’

Bradley is compared to an island.

Q: What do we call this kind of comparison? And why does the idea of an island seem to work so well when we consider the character of Bradley?





Ripping Repeated...

‘Have you ripped up your test-paper AGAIN?’

Q: What do Mrs Ebbel’s comments reveal about Bradley’s approach to his school-work? What specifically gives this away?





Mistakes were Made!

Q: Choose three words to describe Jeff's reaction to accidentally 'visiting' the girls' bathroom.





Classroom Counsel...

Q: How does Carla try to win Bradley over in Mrs Ebbel's classroom? What is interesting about the way she uses:

'I've heard so much about you?'





‘It’s a pleasure to see you today.’

Clearly, Bradley is reluctant to enter Carla’s room.

Q: What does it mean when we’re ‘reluctant’ to do something? And why might Bradley be feeling this way?





Ray-Guns and MONSTERS!

Q: Why does Bradley look so thoughtful after chatting about his monster? What do you think is going through his head?





£1

**‘I’ll give you a quid if
you’ll be my mate?’**

**Q: Discuss or write down your thoughts
around Bradley giving Jeff £1 for his
friendship. It’s a significant moment in
the story. Why is this?**





OUCH

Emily suggests Bradley's reaction to the girls was 'typical Bradley behavior'. Kavan disagrees: 'Maybe. But I think there's more to it. He now has more to lose'.

Q: What does Kavan mean when he says Bradley suddenly has 'more to lose'? Who do you agree with?





**SHOCK. SHOCK.
HORROR. HORROR.**

Q: Why does Sean demonstrate unbelievable levels of shock (you NAILED it, Sean!) as he sees Jeff being called into the headteacher's office?





**‘So tell me - Jeff - what’s
it gonna be?’**

Jeff faces a ‘dilemma’...

**Q: Explain what we mean by
a ‘dilemma’. What is Jeff’s dilemma?**





REALLY?

'I HATED Jeff anyway!'

Q: Are you convinced that Bradley hated Jeff before this even happened? Why do we sometimes say things we don't actually mean?





Homework Hang-Ups...

Bradley couldn't bring himself to submit his homework.

Q: Give one good reason why he destroyed it. What does that give us about Bradley's attitude towards school?





Bradley and Carla

'I noticed a HUGE difference in the relationship between Bradley and Carla.' (Jenny)

Q: Do you agree with Jenny? Discuss or write down your reasons.





READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Who would have thought that seeing Bradley reading would cause such a *stir*!

Q: What do we mean by a ‘stir’ and how do the reactions of Bradley’s classmates and teacher differ?





FIGHT. FIGHT. FIGHT.

**‘Offering Jeff his hand
changed EVERYTHING. (Ryan)**

**Q: Ryan makes a bold statement
above. Give a bold response by
explaining what he means.**





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Bradley reacts badly to Carla's news. He does and says things in the heat of the moment.

Q: What **THREE things stood out the most? What do each of these actions tell us about how Bradley is feeling?**





Dear Bradley...

Carla pays Bradley so many compliments in her letter to him.

Q: Was there anything written that stuck in your mind? Give your reasons for any choices.





BRADLEY = TRANSFORMER

**Once described as ‘unteachable’,
we’re now seeing a very
different Bradley Chalkers.**

**Q: How has Bradley changed? Suggest
TWO ways, using evidence from the
film to back-up your choices.**





MISTAKES WERE MADE

'I made a mistake.' (Bradley)

**Q: What was Bradley's biggest 'mistake' throughout the story?
Explain your choice.**





‘His name is...

Q: What is the significance of Bradley giving Ronnie to Carla? What does it tell us about his impact she had on him?

