



## YEAR 5 - ENGLISH -HOLES KKO

### Important Information

**Name of Book:** Holes  
**Publication:**  
**Author:** Louis Sachar  
**Genre:** mystery, crime fiction



### Text

**Plot:** Stanley Yelnats is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention centre, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. It doesn't take long for Stanley to realise there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake.

**Themes:** Fate and free will, justice and judgment, choices, friendship, morality

**Setting:** Camp Green Lake detention Centre- Texas

<b>Stanley Yelnats</b>	Protagonist - Convicted of a crime he did not commit/ possibly cursed.
<b>Zero</b>	becomes friends with Stanley who has suffered many hardships in life.
<b>X-Ray</b>	Takes charge of other boys at the camp and friendly to Stanley.
<b>Squid</b>	Often taunts Stanley about writing letters to his mother.
<b>Magnet</b>	Earned his nickname by his ability to steal things.
<b>Armpit</b>	Pushes Stanley to the floor when he forgets to call him by his nickname.
<b>Zigzag</b>	Stanley thinks Zigzag is the weirdest kid at Camp Green Lake.
<b>Warden</b>	Antagonist - She is a cruel authority at the camp.
<b>Kate Barlow</b>	Intelligent and kind but a violent outlaw since Sam was murdered.
<b>Sam</b>	Sam is killed by the racist people of Green Lake.
<b>Charles Walker</b>	Leads the citizens of Green Lake to burn down the schoolhouse and kill Sam.
<b>Elya Yelnats</b>	Travels to America, forgetting a promise to Madame Zeroni.
<b>Madame Zeroni</b>	May have put a curse on Stanley's family.
<b>Stanley Yelnats I</b>	Son of Elya and great grandfather of protagonist Stanley.
<b>Mrs. Yelnats</b>	Stanley's mother who does not believe in curses.
<b>Mr. Yelnats</b>	Stanley's father and an inventor who is smart, persistent but unlucky.
<b>Mr. Sir</b>	Counsellor at Camp Green Lake who is tough and mean.
<b>Mr. Pendanski</b>	In charge of tent D. He seems friendly but is still mean.
<b>Clyde Livingston</b>	Famous baseball player whose shoes Stanley is accused of stealing.
<b>Derrick Dunne</b>	Bully from Stanley's school.

Key word	Defintion
<b>auction</b>	a public sale in which goods/property are sold to the highest bidder
<b>counsellor</b>	a person trained to give guidance on personal or psychological problems
<b>descendants</b>	a person that is descended from a particular ancestor
<b>desolate</b>	uninhabited and giving an impression of bleak emptiness
<b>juvenile</b>	for or relating to young people.
<b>miscarriage</b>	an unsuccessful outcome of something planned
<b>shovel</b>	a tool resembling a spade with a broad blade and typically upturned sides
<b>shrivelled</b>	wither, as a result of loss of moisture
<b>barren</b>	land too poor to produce vegetation/bleak, lifeless
<b>jurisdiction</b>	the official power to make legal decisions and judgements
<b>perseverance</b>	persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.
<b>legitimate</b>	conforming to the law or to rules

### Quotes

"I'm not saying it's going to be easy. Nothing in life is easy. But that's no reason to give up. You'll be surprised what you can accomplish if you set your mind to it.

After all, you only have one life, so you should try to make the most of it."

Rattlesnakes would be a lot more dangerous if they didn't have the rattle."

You have only one life, make the most of it"