

The Jewel That Was Ours

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A Before Reading

- 1 Chief Inspector Morse is a famous fictional detective. He works in Oxford, a famous city in England. What do you know about Morse and about the city of Oxford? Write five facts about the man and the city. If you don't know anything about Morse or Oxford, write five questions to ask about them.
- 2 Read about this story on the back cover of the book. Make some guesses. What had been in Mrs Stratton's handbag?

B While Reading

- 3 Read Chapters 1 and 2 of the book. After reading each chapter, make notes about these characters. Keep a record of useful page numbers.



Marion Kemp



John Ashenden



**Chief Inspector
Morse**



Sheila Williams



Sergeant Lewis

- 4 After reading each chapter of the book, make notes about the events which you think might be very important.

C After Reading

5 Write a book review. Prepare your review in paragraphs. The column on the left tells you what to write about. The column on the right gives you some ideas and help. The notes you made while reading the book will help you.

Section 1	
<p>The Plot What kind of story is it? Where and when is the story set? (e.g. in America, in the 1980s, in London, in a theatre) What is the book about?</p>	<p>(e.g. science fiction, romance, adventure) (e.g. in America, in the 1980s, in London, in a theatre) (Give an outline of the story, making it clear that you know what happens. Don't describe the whole plot.)</p>
Section 2	
<p>Characters (people) Describe four of the characters: a two main characters b one minor character c your favourite character Relationships Describe the relationship between two of the characters who appear throughout the book. They can be two from your list above, or they can be two other characters.</p>	<p>(e.g. What kind of person is she/he? Is she/he like someone that you know? Do you like/dislike this character? Give reasons for your answers to these questions) (e.g. How well do they know each other? Do they like each other? How do they behave towards each other at the beginning of the book? How do they behave towards each other at the end of the book? Is there a difference in their behaviour?)</p>
Section 3	
<p>Important Events Choose three important events in the book and say why they are important.</p>	<p>(Does this event make new things happen in the story? Does this event change a relationship between two or more characters?)</p>
Section 4	
<p>Your opinion What did you enjoy/not enjoy about the book? Will you tell someone else to read the book?</p>	<p>(Give reasons for your answers.)</p>