

Key information

Name of book:	Holes
Date Published:	1998
Author:	Louis Sachar
Genre:	Adventure



Texas, USA

The story switches between present day and 100 years earlier in the same location.



flashback storyline



discrimination

The flashback storyline deals with issues of racism and discrimination, using 'in-context' vocabulary.

Themes



friendship



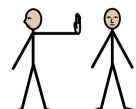
redemption



self-discovery



human rights



discrimination



criminal justice

Vocabulary



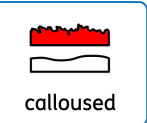
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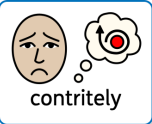
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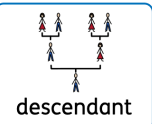
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counsellor



descendant



desolate



incarcerate



jurisdiction



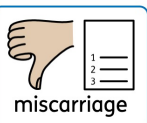
juvenile



legitimate



mirage



miscarriage



precipice



shovel



shrivelled



spigot

Holes



In the scorching desert of Camp Green Lake, where the sun beats down relentlessly and hope

seems like a distant memory, young Stanley Yelnats finds himself serving a sentence for a crime

he didn't commit. But Camp Green Lake is no ordinary camp; there are no leisurely activities

here, only backbreaking labour.



As Stanley and his fellow inmates dig seemingly endless holes under the watchful eyes of the

menacing warden and her enigmatic henchmen, he begins to uncover a mysterious connection

between the past and the present. Hidden within the depths of these holes lies a long-buried

secret, one that could change his life forever.

Key characters

Stanley Yelnats IV	The protagonist, wrongly sent to Camp Green Lake.
Zero, X-Ray, Armpit, Magnet, Zigzag	Fellow campers with whom Stanley makes friends with.
The Warden	The harsh leader of Camp Green Lake.
Mr Sir	An unkind employee of Camp Green Lake.
Mr Pendanski	A kind counsellor of Camp Green Lake.
Katherine Barlow/Kissin' Kate Barlow	A schoolteacher who turns to a life of crime.
Sam	Loved by Katherine Barlow and discriminated against.
Myra Menke	The girl Stanley's great-great grandfather was in love with.
Madame Zeroni	The curse-giver of Stanley's great-great grandfather.