

Jo-Kin vs Lord Terra by Karen Tyrrell

Teacher Notes: Jo-Kin vs Lord Terra by Karen Tyrrell

A read-aloud, illustrated novel suitable for children 7+, teachers, librarians, parents, school counsellors, reluctant readers and sci-fi fans.

Age Level: 7 – 12 years Word Count: 21K

Reviewed and supported by Buzz Words, teachers & school counsellors, children's authors, reviewers and parents. Aligned with Kids Matter & primary STEM Science curriculum

Discussion Ideas

Knowledge and Literal Understanding

- Humour is a powerful coping skill for both children and adults.
- We can empower ourselves to live strong with humour, resilience, perseverance, brain power and working as a team
- We can use our imaginations to create adventurous and fun stories.
- We can learn about space and the universe through observation, research, problem solving and science.

Inferential and Critical Thinking

- Why did Jo-Kin finally say yes to the mission?
- Why did Lord Terra kidnap Pandora and the junior space team?
- What happened to Sam?
- Where did Lord Terra hide Pandora?
- Which space kid betrayed the mission? Why?
- How did Jo-Kin and the super space kids defeat Lord Terra?

Literacy Skills

Word Building

- *Word Endings* – adding 'ed'- *Strained, buzzed, survived, squeezed, joined, sneaked, parked, bolted.*
- *Ending rule* – change y to i – *hurried, tried, classified,*
- *Adding ING:* *showing, shooting, giving, steering, blasting, launching, crashing, twinkling, gazing, firing, galloping, grabbing, landing, hiding.*
- *Vocabulary Planet Deelish-us:* *food, yummy, cupcake, pavlova, pancakes, strawberry, sizzling, crispy, melted, cheese, chocolate, honeycomb, ice-cream*
- *Emotion Words:* *panic, gulp, nervous, shake, angry-looking, afraid, clenched,*
- *High Frequency Words* – *super, space, kids, galaxy, battles, commander, captain, universe, spaceship, alien, laser, enemy, Earth, rocket, planet, school.*
- *Onomatopoeia* – (see Drama) *KABOOM, KAPOW, WOW, BAM, ZIP, VROOM< WOOSH, SPLUT, CRASH, Zoom, buzzed, phew, hummed!*

Grammar

- *Naming Words* – nouns – find the naming words in the story.
- *Action Words* – verbs – (see also Word Endings and Drama)

Comprehension

- *Jo-Kin Quiz Questions* - Activity sheet
- *Space Quiz Questions*- Activity sheet
- *How did Jo-Kin save Pandora and the super Space Kids from Lord Terra?* - Brainstorm Activity sheet

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Literature

- Read fiction and non-fiction texts about space adventures and exploration.

Writing

- Have you ever dreamed of zooming off into space? What did you do? Who did you meet? Write a story from your imagination.
- Have you ever wished you had SUPER Powers? What would YOU do?
- Acrostic Poem – SPACE or SUPER
- Creative Writing Activity Sheets -- Create a Robot - Create a Monster – Create a Space Ship - Create an Alien

Cross Curricular

STEM Science

The Australian Government is investing money in schools to increase student engagement in **STEM** subjects.

Science

Technology

Engineering

Mathematics

- Describe our universe, our galaxy, our solar system.
- What is a planet, a star, a meteor, a constellation, an asteroid, a sun and a moon? How do they interact with each other?
- Name the nine planets in the solar system in order from the sun.
- What can you see in the Night sky? And the Day sky?
- Describe how the moon rotates itself around the earth.
- How do rockets launch into space?
- Who were the first astronauts to travel into space? What challenges did they have?
- What is NASA? What space programs does Australia have?
- How can we travel into space? How can we travel on planets and moons?
- What is gravity? How does it work?
- Describe an astronaut's space suit? How does it work?
- How can we survive on another planet? What do we need?
- How do telescopes work? What can we discover using a telescope?
- Activity sheets — Moon Facts and Solar System

Hands on STEM Science activities.

- Build a simple rocket using. How did it launch?
- Build a simple paper aeroplane. How can you make it go faster?
- Make a Sun, moon and planet demonstration model with a globe, a tennis ball and a
- Shine a torch on this model to show day and night

<https://au.pinterest.com/vivifystem/space-stem-activities/>

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Social Skills

- Discuss how to make and keep a friend ... and act as a team?

Maths

- Draw a star using two triangles. How else can you draw a star?

Craft

- Create ***Jo-Kin vs Lord Terra*** posters (*SEE Literature*) Use *textas, crayons, paint, pencil, collage, art paper, cardboard,*

Art

- Illustrate a scene from the text or from the 'people' story as outlined in *Writing*.
- Colour-in ***Jo-Kin vs Lord Terra*** sheets using bright colours. Activity sheets

Drama

Body language:

- Show how to stand and walk like a hero. Hero pose: head up, shoulders back, hands on hips.
- Walking a straight line showing self-confidence: walking tall, shoulders back, chin up.
- Nerd pose: shoulder & body slumped, dragging feet, head down, and sad face.

Present a ***Jo-Kin vs Lord Terra*** PLAY or pantomime.

Show range of emotions using facial expressions and hand gestures ...

Scared, sad, confident, assertive, friendly, unfriendly, mean, aggressive, guilty, proud, nervous, caring, sorry, kind