# READING GUIDE: NOTES FOR TEACHERS





## ARTHUR QUINN AND HELL'S KEEPER

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Arthur Quinn has defeated the World Serpent. He's come face-to-face with the Fenris Wolf. But now he faces Loki's most powerful child, Hell's Keeper. With his friends Ash, Ellie and Ex, Arthur sets out to stop this new menace. But Loki has a trick up his sleeve, a trick that changes everything.

Arthur must confront Loki for a final showdown. But faced with a terrible secret and enemies at every turn, can Arthur find the courage he needs to defeat the god once and for all, or has Loki finally won?

## **English**

**Pg 28/29:** Describe how Arthur felt on hearing that everyone else had the same dream as he had. List some of the emotions.

Pg 44: Creative: Put yourself in the role of one of the Conifrey family and describe how you might have escaped from being tied up.

**Pg 62:** Set up: Describe the plan you would set up to avoid being tricked by Drysi if you were in Fenrir's position.

Pg 180: Memory loss: Ash had no recollection of Arthur, so he tried to remind her by mentioning some of their history together. Imagine your best friend lost all memory of you: convince them that you have history.

**Pg 217:** Fears: The little boy was afraid of the spider in his cell. A fear of spiders is called arachnophobia: find out what other fears are called.

Pg 377: Prediction: The story ends with Loki sinking for eternity in the Well of Urd, the place of all knowledge. The last line seems to suggest that Loki will 'one day' return: do you think he will?

### **Science**

**Pg 94:** Speed: Investigate how speed is measured and see how fast you can run.

Pg 105: Nature: The song Loki sang mentioned an oak tree: Investigate different trees around your school grounds and take leaf rubbings.

**Pg 281:** Digestive System: Ash and Arthur were stuck in the belly of the beast. Explore our own digestive system.

### Geography

**Pg 8:** Map Work: Find Mullingar on your Atlas.

**Pg 23:** Map Work: Locate Roskilde, Denmark, using your Atlas or Google Earth.

**Pg 55:** Irish Rail System: Heuston Station is one of Ireland's main rail stations. Use your Atlas to locate other major stations and follow some of the routes taken.

**Pg 67:** Map Work: Locate the meeting points of Clontarf and Dublin Harbour on a map.

**Pg 76:** Islands of Ireland: Clontarf Island was an old island that existed in the past. With the help of your Atlas, locate some famous islands around the island of Ireland.

**Pg 122:** Dublin Spire: Research one of Dublin's most recognisable features.

**Pg 236:** Phoenix Park: Research one of the largest city parks.

### **History**

**Pg 67:** Battle of Clontarf: Loki and Fenrir come to blows in Clontarf, the scene of another famous battle hundreds of years ago. Research it.

**Pg 138:** Croke Park: Ireland's largest stadium is steeped in history. Find out more about the history of the GAA,

Bloody Sunday, the opening of the stadium to foreign sports, etc.

**Pg 185:** United Nations: The UN got involved in fighting against Loki. Research the history of the organisation.

Pg 202: Kilmainham Gaol: The children were in hiding at the prison that held some of Ireland's most infamous rebels during the War of Independence and Civil War. Research them.

Pg 237: Áras an Uachtaráin: Loki was holed up at the home of the Irish president. Name and research Ireland's presidents to date.

**Pg 293:** Army Leaders: Loki and Drysi were considered generals of the Wolfsguard. Research other famous leaders who led their armies into battle.

**Pg 314:** Aesop's Fables: Drysi told the children about one of Aesop's Fables. What lessons can be learned from these stories.

**Pg 334:** World War 2: Loki was dressed in full WW2 pilot gear. Research the machines and weapons used during that war.

### **SPHE**

**Pg 18–19:** Emotions: What are the signs you can look out for in a friend if they are concerned/upset by something?

Pg 23-25: Security at home: The child was taken without much effort

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by Loki. Nowadays what are the different ways we protect ourselves and our homes?

**Pg 30:** Physical Disabilities: Drysi was confined to a wheelchair due to her injuries. Can you list other tools that people with physical disabilities can use?

Pg 48: Our bodies and emotions: Fenrir had changed a lot during his time on earth, just like we all do. Describe some of the physical and emotional changes that have occurred in you over the last few years.

Pg 52: Secrets: Ash and the gang had kept their secret from everyone else, including Detective Morrissey. Do you think they were right to do so? How do you decide what secrets to keep and when you need to tell someone something?

**Pg 97:** Road Safety: Ex was driving dangerously: list some of the rules of the road that drivers must follow.

**Pg 327:** Pressure: Ash was under a lot of pressure to free everyone from the cages. Have you ever been under pressure to perform something and how did it go?

#### **Drama**

**Pg 40:** Role Play: Imagine you are in a studio where the presenter and the experts are discussing the significance of the dream. Assign roles and make up the discussion.

Pg 159: Conscience Alley: Arthur was torn between risking escaping the stadium or staying put with the rest of the crowd. Perform conscience alley to illustrate his dilemma.

Pg 231: Conscience Alley: Imagine you were listening to Ash's pleas for support to attack Loki. Perform conscience alley to show conflicting emotions.

### Art

**Pg 21–22:** Draw and paint an image of the two worlds, Asgard and Midgard, connected via the colourful bridge Bifrost.

**Pg 122:** Dublin Spire: Using clay design a model of the Dublin Spire.

**Pg 264:** Jormungand: From the description in the book, sketch a picture of the World Serpent.

### **Maths**

**Pg 138:** Capacity: Croke Park has a capacity of over 82,000 people. Find out the capacities of the major sporting stadiums in Ireland and across the world.

#### PE

**Pg 94:** Speed: Investigate how speed is measured and see how fast you can run.

**Pg 138:** GAA: Croke Park is the home of the hurling and football. Practise some of the basic skills of the game.

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