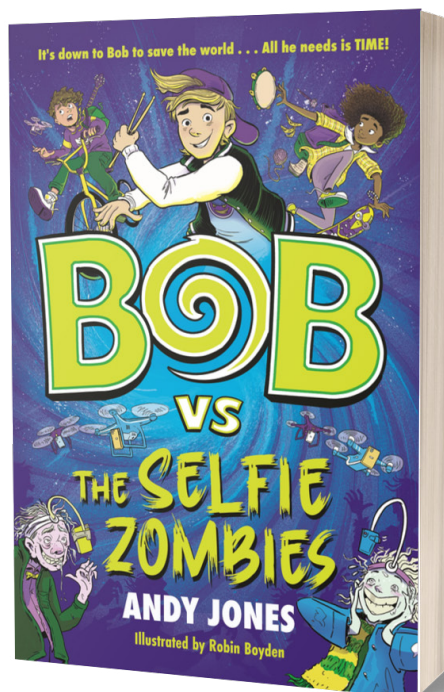


BOB

DISCUSSION NOTES

Suitable for ages 8+



BOB vs THE SELFIE ZOMBIES

DISCUSSION NOTES FOR READERS

Inventions and Technology

1. In the book an evil genius invents a smile-operated selfie camera which turns people into zombies.
Why might the author have used taking selfies as an example of something which turns people into zombies?
2. What do you think the author might be trying to say about our relationship with technology?
3. In the book there are other inventions from the future such as nanobots and banana flavoured banana substitute.
What do you think the author is saying about technology vs nature?

Characters and Relationships

1. Bob and Malcolm are best friends in the present and the future, but what do they think of Gloria?
2. Do you think that the way Bob feels about Gloria changes throughout the book?
If so how, and why you think he changes his mind?
3. Bob finds that he needs help to save the world. In what ways do Malcolm and Gloria help him?
4. Eno is described as the villain of the story, but what qualities do you think make Bob see Eno as a villain?
5. Do you think that Eno is a villain? How might we look at Eno in a different light?
6. Do you think that Bob, Malcolm and Gloria are fair in the way that they treat Eno?
7. Is there something else they could have done to change the future?



Bob's Journey

1. At the start of the book, Bob is critical of his dad's cooking. Why do you think this might be?
2. Bob finds it hard to talk about his mum. What do you think he could do to understand his feelings better?
3. When Bob meets his mum at the end of the book he begins to feel some kind of resolution. Why do you think that might be?
4. When Bob travels forwards in time, his Future Self surprises him. What does Bob find the most surprising about his Future Self?
5. Bob finds his Future Self isn't everything that he imagined. Do you think that's a good thing or a bad thing?
6. Bob and his Future Self talk about the difference between childish and childlike.
Do you think that there is a difference between these two states?
7. Can you think of any ways that your parents or teachers are childlike and how it helps them in their day to day?
8. What else do you think Bob learns from his Future Self?

