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Teacher Resources

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About the author

Deborah Abela is the author of 27 books including her climate change trilogy: *Grimsdon*, *New City* and *Final Storm*, about kids living in a climate-changed world.

Relevant titles:

- *Final Storm* (2019)
- *Grimsdon* (2019)
- *New City* (2019) – shortlisted for the Real Awards 2020 YABBA.org.au
- *The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee* (2016)
- *Teresa: A New Australian* (2016)

Curriculum guidelines for teacher resources

Learning Area(s): English (Language, Literature, Literacy), Human Society and its Environment

General Capabilities: Literacy, Critical and Creative Thinking, Ethical Understanding

Cross curriculum priorities: Sustainability can be addressed through investigation into the impact of war/climate change on people and places.

Suitable for: Stages 2 -3/Years 3– 6

The aim of these resources are to provide a link between the texts and actual application of related issues/topics presented to the classroom. The following activities and resources provide a link between the *Grimsdon Trilogy*, *The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee* and *Teresa: A New Australian* and application of related issues/topics such as environmental issues, sustainability, ethical and moral dilemmas, new technologies, friendship, refugees, cultural identity and empathy presented in classroom and educational contexts. Additionally, creative writing through exploration of how language can create tension, mood and characters can be undertaken.

Do:

- *Final Storm* teaching resources: https://www.penguin.com.au/content/resources/TR_FinalStorm.pdf
- *Grimsdon* teaching resources: https://www.penguin.com.au/content/resources/TR_Grimsdon.pdf
- *Grimsdon* – read, write and talk about plot development: https://www.petaa.edu.au/w/Teaching_Resources/Authors_in_Schools_Units_/Grimsdon/w/Teaching_Resources/AIS/Grimsdon.aspx?hkey=1b6e86f2-4dd4-460a-99a8-7c07534bbf03
- *New City* teaching resources: https://cdn.penguin.com.au/679/document/Abela_NewCity_TR.pdf
- *Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee* teaching resources: https://cdn.penguin.com.au/667/document/TR_StupendouslySpectacularSpellingBee.pdf
- *Teresa* teaching resources: <http://static.booktopia.com.au/pdf/9781742990941-1.pdf>

Watch:

- *Final Storm* trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rewgPM7qB0k>
- *Grimsdon* trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qhIGvEAXnm8>
- *New City* trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bC7KnxmbalA&feature=emb_logo
- Climate Change TED Talks: <https://www.ted.com/topics/climate+change>

Read:

- 10 Things You Can Do About Climate Change: <https://davidsuzuki.org/what-you-can-do/top-10-ways-can-stop-climate-change/>
- 21 Sustainability Innovations: <https://interestingengineering.com/21-sustainability-innovations-and-initiatives-that-might-just-change-the-world>
- UNHCR Teaching About Refugees resource: <https://www.unhcr.org/teaching-about-refugees.html>

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