

## The Cone Gatherers - Learning Intentions

**By the end of your six weeks of study you should:**

- have a detailed understanding of
- be able to form your own opinions on
- be able to comment thoughtfully on (and justify what you say with evidence)
- be able to identify
- be able to analyse and explain in detail the areas listed below:
  - key themes and ideas explored in the text
  - characters (personalities, motives, attitudes, relationships etc.)
  - the narrative structure of the text (inc. tension & suspense)
  - key events/ episodes/ turning points
  - the variety of narrative stances/ perspectives employed within the text
  - the author's use of imagery
  - symbolism within the novel
  - the variety of settings in the text

**Having done this you will then be in a position to focus on developing the following critical essay skills:**

- deconstructing a question
- using this to map/ plan ideas and responses
- structuring and signposting a coherent and relevant argument
- substantiating points with evidence
- analysing aspects of the writer's style
- evaluating the success of the text (or aspects of it)