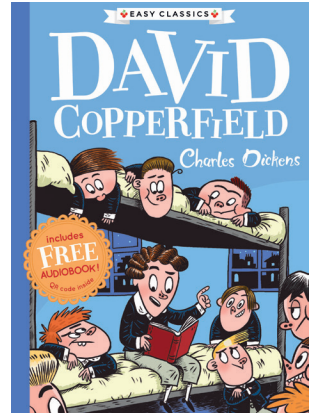


Title:

David Copperfield

Author:

Charles Dickens



Before Reading

- Read the book description aloud. What impression do you get of David?
- Discuss:
 - What challenges might a child face without a father?
 - How would you feel if your parent married someone unkind?
 - Do you think books can help people through difficult times?

During Reading

- Pause at key moments and ask:
 - Why is David's new stepfather so mean to him?
 - What kind of punishments does David face at school?
 - How does David find strength in his favourite books?

After Reading

Discussion questions

- What was the hardest challenge David faced?
- How do you think his love of books helped him?
- Do you believe people can change their own ending, like David hopes to?

Activities

1. David's Challenges

- Make a list or draw pictures of the hardest things David goes through.
- Which one would be the most difficult for you, and why?

2. My Favourite Book

- Choose your own favourite book.
- Write or draw how it makes you feel and why it is special to you.

3. A Diary Entry

- Write a diary entry from David after his first day at the terrible school.
- How does he feel? What does he wish for?

4. Rewrite the Ending

- Imagine you are David. Write or act out your own happy ending to his story.
- What would you change, and why?