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Book Report

 Holes by Louis Sachar. This book is about a boy named Stanley Yelnats who is accused of a crime he didn’t commit. When he is convicted he is sent to camp green lake. While at Camp Green Lake he has to dig a hole in the blistering heat every day; one day his luck changes.

Level 1: A

Stanley Yelnats is a young man who always happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. All thanks to his “no-good – dirty- rotten- pig- stealing- great-great-grandfather” (25). Stanley is a kind, tall, chubby kid who is accused of stealing a famous baseball players shoes from a homeless shelter. After the trail Stanley has two choices, Camp Green Lake or jail. At camp Green Lake he must dig one hole once a day in the place where the lake used to be. At Camp Green Lake it has not rained in over 150 years. After his friend Hector Zeroni, “Zero” runs away into the desert he has no choice but to follow after him. Before he chases after Zero he steals and crashes Mr. Sir’s car in a hole and in the process forgets to fill his canteen. When he finds Zero he takes Zero up a mountain called God’s thumb. In the process he breaks his family curse by carrying Zero, the great-great grandson of Madame Zeroni, up God’s thumb and sings his family’s song. After his luck changes and decides to dig one more hole and happens to find the treasure. The next day he is proven innocent and is sent home.

Level 2: E

If you changed the beginning of the book you would ruin the entire story because if he does not find the shoes he would have never been arrested and sent to Camp Green Lake. If he is never sent to Camp Green Lake then he would have never met Zero who would have never run away. All in all you cannot change the beginning of the book it just messes everything up.

Level 3: C

I would not want to live like any of the people in this book mainly because they are all convicts. Not to mention it is in the middle of the desert in the blistering sun with no shade and no air conditioning. The only person I might want to be like is Stanley because he is a good kid and becomes a millionaire when he finds treasure but on the other hand he is really unlucky and is bullied.

Level 4: C

The place where book took place definitely affects the outcome of the book because they find treasure in a dried up lake. One of the only places where there are dried up lakes is in a desert. Another reason is they have to dig holes once a day in the blistering heat and what better place than a desert. This book has to take place in a desert because it is the only place that makes sense.

Level 5: B

 I would not change the end of the book in any way because this book had such a good ending. In the end Stanley ends up finding the treasure which has his name on it because he has the same name as his great grandfather. When he finds the treasure, his luck is turned around and that very day he is proven innocent and he and Zero are released from Camp Green Lake which is later shut down.

Level 6: A

 If I could have any character in this book as my friend it would have to be Stanley because overall he is just a good kid. He is nice, generous, and willing to help anyone. For instance, he teaches Zero to read which later on ends up working out in his favor. Not to mention I would want to be his friend because he becomes rich. Overall he is just a nice kid who was at the wrong place at the wrong time so that fact that he is a criminal is pointless. I would want him as my friend nevertheless.

 I would recommend this book to anyone who liked the movie. I would rate this book a 10 out of 10. I would give this book a perfect rating because it was an easy read and I love the movie.