

The Viewer

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Quick Start

1. What is the name of the main character?
2. What kind of boy is he?
3. Which place attracted him more than any other?
4. What did he find?
5. How does he feel about the images he sees?

Vocabulary Check

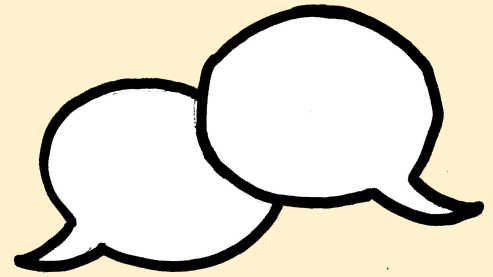
- a vast crescent littered with the detritus of a careless people.
- as Tristan scavenged through piles of rubbish
- Tristan ran his fingers over indecipherable names and patterns
- The musty odour of entombed air
- The box was crammed with intriguing treasures
- The mechanism whirred and clicked
- but something compelled him

Individual Thinking



You have 2 minutes to jot down everything you learn about Tristan throughout the story.

Partnered Talk



What do you think the purpose of the viewer is?
Why was it created?

Individual Thinking

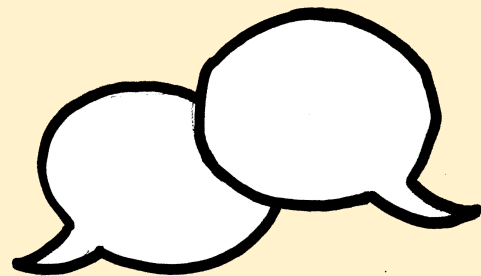


Look specifically at the different images Tristan sees in the viewer.

Why do you think they have been included?

What might they represent?

Partnered Talk



Do you think someone purposely left it for Tristan to find? If so, who are they?

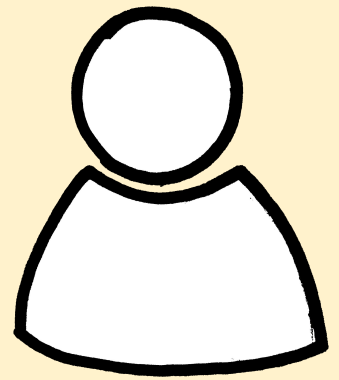
Explain your answer fully.

Individual Thinking



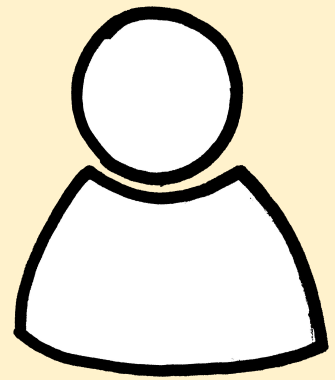
Explain, in your own words, what happened at the end of the story.

Solo Work



You will now have 3 minutes to summarise the story of 'The Viewer' in 30 words or fewer.

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Using your original summary, try to condense your summary into 15 words or fewer.