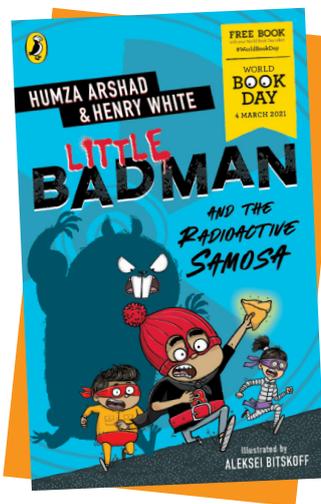


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HUMZA ARSHAD & HENRY WHITE: DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

NOTES FOR TEACHERS AND LIBRARIANS



START WITH SAMOSAS! BEFORE WATCHING THE VIDEO OR READING THE EXTRACT:

In pairs or groups, consider what you can tell about the story purely from its title: 'Little Badman and the Radioactive Samosa'. How might a samosa become radioactive? Create a list of funny scenarios and share them with your classmates! Who has come up with the funniest samosa-story starter?

DISCUSS THE EXTRACT! TAKEN FROM PAGES 1-8 OF START WITH SAMOSAS!

1. How does Humza feel about 'world-saving'? How do you know? (page 1)
2. What sort of relationship does Humza have with Umer? How can you tell? (pages 2-8)
3. How does the ending of the chapter make you want to read on? (page 8)

FIND INSPIRATION

AFTER WATCHING THE VIDEO, DEVELOP HUMZA'S IDEAS

INSPIRATION 1: THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT MAKING JUDGEMENTS

Humza talks about how you can miss out in life if you judge things or people before you've given them a chance. Imagine if Little Badman hadn't gone to the meteor shower – he would've missed a great adventure!

- In the story, Humza doesn't want to go to the meteor shower because he thinks it sounds like boring science stuff. Actually, it turns out to be a big adventure for him. Can you think of a similar experience of your own, where you didn't want to do something, but it turned out to be amazing?
- In the story, Humza judges the kids in the neighbouring town – but in the end they turn out to be nice people who help him. Create a persuasive talk about why it is important not to judge others too soon.

INSPIRATION 2: FOOD THAT GIVES YOU POWERS!

In the book, Humza and his friends eat a box of delicious samosas that give them all superpowers! Cool! What food or drink could give you powers?

- If you could choose an item of food or a drink to give you superpowers, what would it be? Would it be magic? Radioactive? Would it be from the future? What superpower would it give you?
- Create a comic-strip style story showing what happens when you consume your chosen food or drink. What will your setting be? Will it be at a meteor shower, like in the story, or somewhere more inconspicuous, like the school canteen? Share your comic strips with your classmates and friends!

CREATIVE CHALLENGE FROM HUMZA ARSHAD!

If you had superpowers, which unlikely person would you befriend to help you? Someone you never thought you'd be friends with? Perhaps a school bully? Or an evil villain? Or the strictest teacher ever! Add them to your comic strip. Remember, it's important not to judge people before you've given them a chance!