# Welcome!

# What's on today?

- Reading a text & understanding it
- Developing reading strategies
- Relating the text with a notion

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### Anticipate

From the source

The title of the book

The author

From an image

From the first sentence

Today, you are going to anticipate from... this!

# Anticipate

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What do we learn about the narrator?

# Note down what you discover

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#### Always pay attention to the repetitions...

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You may be familiar with the modal auxiliary **WOULD** when it is used to express a **hypothesis** (e.g. *They would buy a new car if they could afford it*).

But here, the auxiliary WOULD does not have the same value. As you can see with the verb "stayed", the scene is set in the past, so WOULD is used to refer to a habit that used to be, and is no longer.

The fact that it was a habit is reinforced by the presence of the adverb "always".

## RÉSUMONS



Pour faciliter la lecture d'un texte, il peut être utile d'anticiper sur son contenu, à partir de :

- sa source / son auteur
- sa forme
- la première phrase ou les premières lignes de l'extrait
- une image qui l'accompagne...

Que puis-je imaginer à propos du texte à suivre à partir de ces éléments?

À quelles questions aimerais-je que le texte réponde?

# RÉSUMONS



#### Mes points d'appui pour comprendre

- ✓ Je peux faire attention à la typographie.
- ✓ Je peux faire attention aux **pronoms** et aux personnes ou choses auxquelles ils renvoient.
- ✓ Je peux faire attention aux **répétitions** et commencer à m'interroger sur leur sens.

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# RÉSUMONS



#### Mes points d'appui pour comprendre

- ✓ La forme du texte et sa source.
- ✓ La structure du texte, notamment la première phrase de chaque paragraphe.

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Dear Judy Garland,
I thought of writing to you, because ...

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Ava DELLAIRA, Love Letters to the Dead, 2014
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- ✓ Ce que je comprends. Je peux alors laisser temporairement de côté ce que je ne comprends pas sauf si cela me gêne pour comprendre le sens du texte (bubble).
- ✓ Le contexte : il peut me permettre d'inférer le sens des mots inconnus.
- ✓ La structure du mot ou sa transparence : je peux décomposer certains mots (undone) ou m'appuyer sur leur transparence.
- ✓ Les champs lexicaux : remarquer la présence de différents mots appartenant au même champ peut aider à comprendre ce qui importe au narrateur.
- ✓ Les mots « grammaticaux » (comme l'auxiliaire WOULD) transmettent des informations, tout autant que les mots lexicaux.

### How do we relate the text with a notion?

#### Première

When you are given the documents, you are also told what notion\* they are related with.

Here, we can think of...

FICTIONS & RÉALITÉS
ESPACE PRIVÉ & ESPACE PUBLIC
IMAGINAIRES (*LLCER*)

#### **Terminale**

You, however, are not told what notion the text(s) could illustrate, but the questions you will be given will encourage you to make links between the text and a notion.

Here, we can think of...

MYTHES & HÉROS L'IMAGINAIRE (*LELE*)

### How do we relate the text with a notion?

#### **FICTIONS & RÉALITÉS**

What is the link between fiction and reality?
Is fiction always based on reality?
Is reality always what it seems?
Can fiction be an escape from reality?
Etc.

Bonus:
understanding
what is implicit!

- The narrator seems to be projecting her own desires and needs on the icon that Judy Garland is for her.
- She is using fiction (*The Wizard of Oz*) to imagine a reality for the Judy Garland that she does not know.
- But she is also relating fiction (*The Wizard of Oz*) with her own life: she is making parallels between her own childhood memories and Judy Garland's childhood memories (as she imagines and recreates them).

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There is a parallel between the narrator's mother and Judy Garland, centered around the singing. In both cases, the singing acts as a safety net (as the glue that keeps everyone together or as the bubble that protects Laurel and helps her fall asleep).

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Reference to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", i.e. the fantasy world of the Land of Oz.

This may indicate that the narrator is longing to escape, dreaming of going to a fantasy world as well. Since she cannot physically go, she writes a letter to someone that is the gateway to this world and dreams about it, escapes through fiction and imagination.

## Judy Garland, 1922-1969

#### In figures

34 movies150 songsNumerous TV shows

9 awards

#### The Wizard of Oz

The Wizard of Oz, directed by Victor Fleming in 1939, was adapted from Frank Baum's famous children's novel The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

The beginning of the movie was shot in black and white while the rest, which takes place in the Land of Oz, was shot in Technicolor.

"the movie would pass by in a blur of black and white"



### How do we relate the text with a notion?

#### **MYTHES ET HÉROS**

What is a myth?
What is a hero?
Do all heroes become myths?
What do the myths and heroes of a society reveal about it?
Etc.

Bonus:
understanding
what is implicit!

"I realize now that everyone knows your face. Everyone knows your voice. But not everyone knows where you were really from, when you weren't from the movies."

- Both myths and heroes are social constructions, they are built, created by society at a certain point, when society needs them. Judy Garland was seen as a child prodigy, and may have been encouraged to use her talent beyond reason as the comments from the narrator may lead us to believe.
- In the case of Judy Garland, we can imagine from the text that if no one knew much about her outside of her movies, her image, her public figure was the canvas on which everyone could project whatever they wanted (just as Laurel is doing).

## RÉSUMONS



#### Relier le texte à une notion

Faire le lien avec une notion permet de se concentrer sur certains aspects du texte, cela donne un angle d'approche et aide à s'intéresser aux informations implicites contenues dans le texte.

#### Il peut être efficace de:

- **se poser des questions sur les termes de l'axe ou de la notion**, et sur les liens entre chaque terme ;
- **s'interroger sur les liens entre le contenu du texte et ces notions** : comment le texte répond-t-il aux questions que je me suis posées ? Comment le texte illustre-t-il la notion ?

# Organize your notes

#### Don't hesitate to:

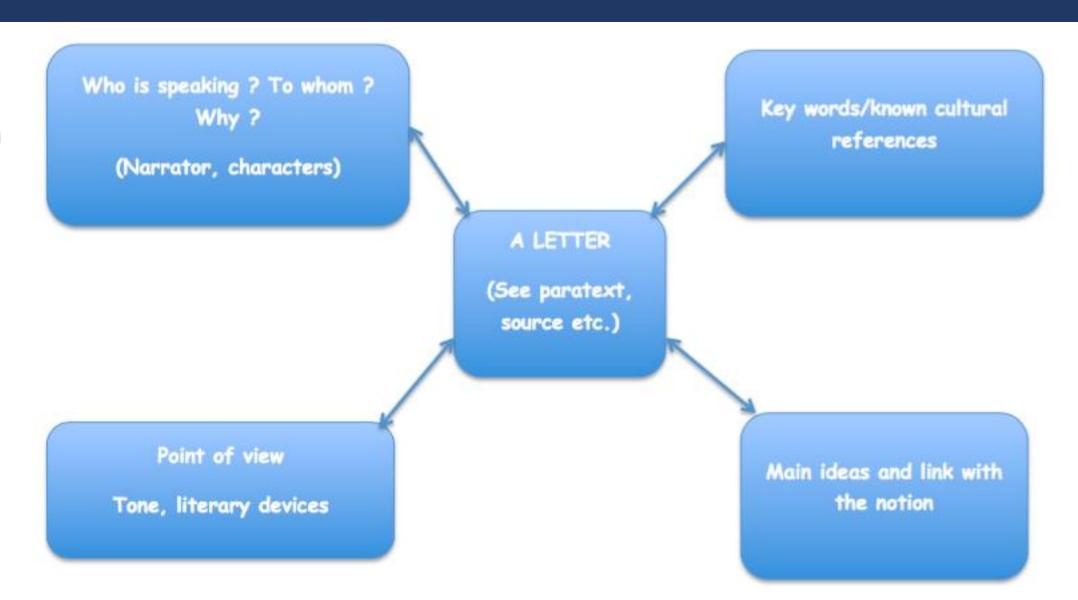
- ✓ use a highlighter, bullet points, arrows, etc.
- √ find your own ways to connect your ideas and grasp the meaning of the text.

# In a chart

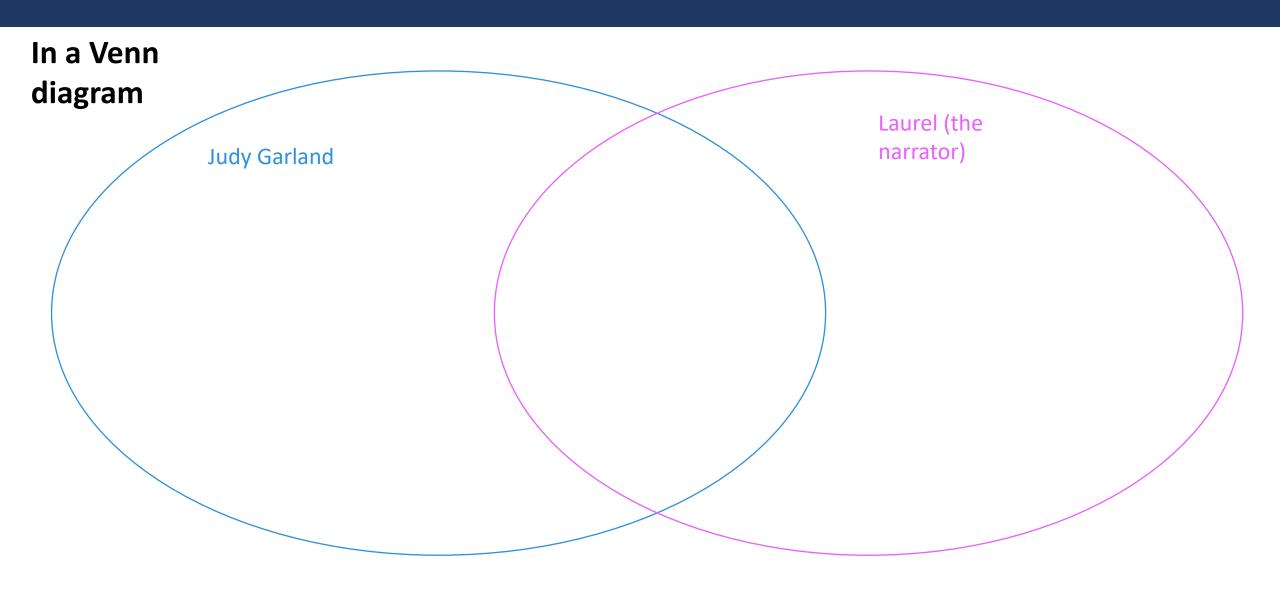
Main subject/ who is speaking?	Narrator, other characters	Dates and figures/Places	Purpose of the text? Author's
			goal?
Key words/words you recognize	Ideas developed / link with the notion	Tone: (sad? serious? funny? ironic?) Literary devices (repetitions,	Extra information
		metaphors etc.)	

### Organize your notes

In a spidergram



# Organize your notes



# Reacting and drawing conclusions

I Read	I think
Therefore	

### Gather your ideas

#### Check all the ideas on the text



#### **Organize your thoughts**

Mention the type of text

This letter is extracted from a collection of letters entitled...

The key ideas

The narrator is addressing Judy Garland and praises her heroine...

The author's intentions

In fact, in this fictional letter, the author probably wants readers to think about...

The link with the notion

The narrative can be linked to the notion myths and heroes/imagination/fiction and reality as...

### Thanks for your attention!

Keep calm and practise your English!

• Don't hesitate to practise with your friends.

• Stay home and stay safe.