

ONLINE LEARNING ZONE VIDEO 2

This video is about the written word. What makes a great novel? Will technology change the way we read in the future? Author Tim Bowler discusses these questions and explains how he writes his novels.

BEFORE WATCHING

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box

Novel	best-selling author	paperback	theme	e-reader	typewriter	hardback
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1. Ais a book with a thick paper cover.
2. There are not many but JK Rowling is one.
3. Love and friendship are two of the mainin the story.
4. Writers used to use paper and pencil or machines called.....to write their stories, but most use computers these days.
5. I like to buy the first edition of a book when it is in It's more expensive but the covers are more resilient and attractive.
6. I don't take physical books when I go on holiday. They are too heavy . I use an because I can read hundreds of books on it.
7. Classic stories like Moby Dick, War and Peace and Don Quixote are all examples of great

2. Read the sentences. Match a genre to each sentence.

Fantasy	non-fiction	mystery	romance	sci-fi	thriller	crime
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1. "I cried when they got married"
2. "I tried to figure out what happened but I was really surprised at the end".
3. "This story had lots of dragons and elves".
4. "The main character was lost in outer space"
5. "There was a spy in the story and she had to go undercover. It was really exciting".
6. "I learned lots of useful facts about climate change. It was really interesting."
7. "There was a murder at the beginning, so the detective had to find the killer."

WHILE WATCHING

3. Watch the video up to 4:20. Then match sentence beginnings (1-6) to endings (a-f)

1. More and more of us are choosing to
2. Many bookshops are
3. Some people believe.....
4. For me, a good story is one that
5. The saying goes that....
6. I've been described as

- a)the future of printed books is under threat.
- b) ...a writer of dark, brooding stories for teenagers.
- c)struggling to stay open.
- d)download digital books to read on e-readers or tablets.
- e)everyone has a good novel in them.
- f) .. .transports me to another place.

4. Watch the video from 4:20 and answer the questions:

1. How long has Tim been writing?
2. What age was Tim when his first book was published?
3. What was Tim's first book called?
4. Tim talks about two parts to the writing process. He calls the first part " getting it written". What does he call the second part?
5. Which of the two parts takes longer?
6. Tim writes in an old, stone building called "Tim's Bolthole". Why does this place help him write?
7. Does Tim feel that the written word is under threat from technology? Why? / why not?