Task for Tomorrow, When the War Began

Rich assessment task one: Create a picture book

From reading The Enemy: A Book About Peace you should have some understanding about the futility of war and the role that propaganda and manipulation play in deceiving both sides of the conflict about the type of people they're fighting against.

Tomorrow, When the War Began has two parties in direct opposition to each other – the friends from Wirrawee who wage a war of resistance against the invading foreigners from an unknown country. However, we do not find out much about these foreigners as they lock up locals of Wirrawee at the showgrounds, but instead hear about their actions through the eyes of Ellie and her friends who are on a mission to drive them out of Wirrawee.

Your task:

You are to create your own picture book that details the invasion of Wirrawee. Taking inspiration from The Enemy, you should parallel the stories of the invading soldiers and the friends. Think about the following:

• What do the invaders want? How do you know this?
• What do the friends want? How do they go about getting it?
• What assumptions do the friends make about the invaders?
• Why are the invaders in Wirrawee?
• What conclusions might the invaders draw about the town of Wirrawee?

Format:

• Your picture book should include at least 10 illustrated pages.
• Illustrations may be hand drawn or, like The Enemy, made up of a combination of collaged images and drawings.
• Any text should be typed on the page.
• The stories of the friends and the invaders must be told.
• Think about a moral or lesson that could be learnt from the situation by either party.
• Include direct quotations from the novel where you think they are appropriate.

Complete a brainstorm and storyboard prior to drafting your picture book.

When your picture book is complete, compose a rationale that outlines why you have chosen to represent the friends and the invading forces in a particular way. Make reference to the colours, style, textures, expressions, symbols, etc. that you have used to convey your ideas.

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