Task for Blueback

Literary Mash-up

Originally referring to music, the term ‘mash-up’ describes what happens when two or more songs are mixed together in an original and playful way. Of course, the mixture can’t be random. It has to work towards some artistic end. A literary mash-up, by extension, is a work that draws on multiple sources of inspiration, creating something new in the process.

Your task:

- Consider the plot of Blueback, the characters and the themes we have explored.
- Choose a movie, book, play or TV show that you could insert Abel Jackson into.
  - For example, he might find his way into Avatar and share his secret connection with the water.
  - You might cast him as a guest on the Ellen Show.
- Create a brief plot overview of how you would incorporate Abel Jackson into your chosen text (approximately 100–200 words).
  - Why have you chosen this text to put him into?
  - How does this text lend itself to the themes of Blueback?
- Explain the qualities of Abel Jackson that make him suitable to appear in your mash-up (approximately 100–200 words).