

Blueback

Rich Assessment Task 2: literary mashup

Originally referring to music, the term ‘mashup’ 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 mashup, 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*, its 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 James Cameron’s *Avatar* and share his secret connection with the water.
 - You might cast him as a guest on a talk show.
- Create a brief plot overview explaining how you would incorporate Abel into your chosen text (approx. 100–200 words).
 - Why did you choose this text to put him into?
 - How does the text lend itself to the themes of *Blueback*?
- Explain which of Abel’s qualities make him suitable to appear in your mashup (approx. 100–200 words).

You can also flip the mashup and insert a character from another text into *Blueback*.