Task for *The Rabbits*

**Themes: Major Task**

Choose one or two of the themes in *The Rabbits* explored earlier and write one or two detailed paragraphs explaining how the themes are explored in the story through the use of visual literacy techniques. Provide students with the TEEL planning sheet to assist them in organising their ideas.

Your paragraphs should respond to the question: *How are these themes explored in The Rabbits? What messages are Tan and Marsden trying to convey?*

Remind students to:
- Write in third person e.g. ‘*The Rabbits* by John Marsden and Shaun Tan explores the theme of invasion through the use of...’
- Include quotation marks when quoting text e.g. ‘At first we didn't know what to think’, and remember to include quotes in a sentence.
- Discuss the main page/pages that explore these themes and include specific examples of the visual literacy techniques used. Follow the technique-example-effect format, e.g. the salient point in the first image, ‘They Came by Water’, is the ship that towers over the Indigenous people, making the colonisers look more powerful and highlighting that they are the invaders and are dominant.
- Follow the TEEL paragraph structure.
- Proofread and edit work carefully for spelling, grammar and punctuation.

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