

*Summer Term 2:
Explorers*

New Tasks - 15.6.20

TASK 2: ANNONAY

Let's start by recapping the information from the first page of the text 'Sky Chasers'...



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We know that the story is a historical fiction text, as it is dated 1783. We also know the country that the book is set in: France.

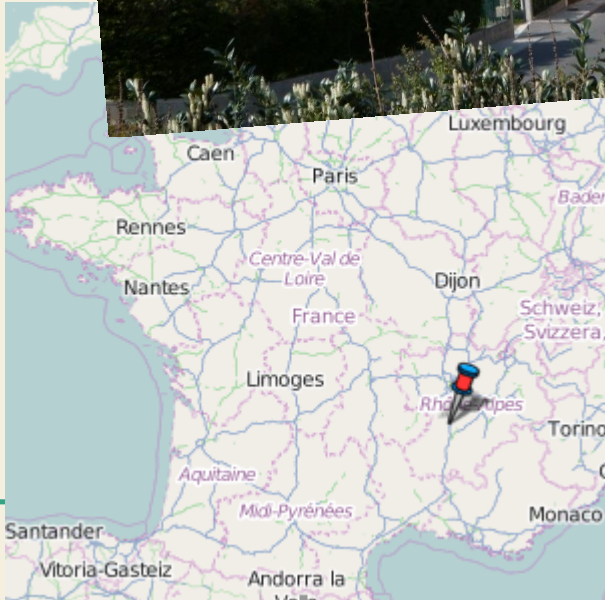
We know the exact town that the story is set in which is a real town in France.

The character narrating this part of the story is making areas of the town, at the time it was written, sound scary.

We can predict that the character narrating this section of the text is a thief.

Annonay

Annonay is a town in Southern France. Unlike the start of the text suggests, it is a beautiful place to go to (even at night time!). One of the pictures below clearly links to our text – which one is it?



Things to do in Annonay



Annonay is a small town and - as in the story 'Sky Chasers' - it is famous for hot air ballooning because of the Montgolfier brothers!

For this reason, many tourists visit Annonay to go on breath-taking hot air balloon rides.



Over the next 2 pages, you will find a basic hybrid text (informative and persuasive). I have highlighted some slightly more persuasive elements in yellow, and some basic features of an information text in blue! Have a read!

Take a hot air balloon flight in Annonay!

Do you dream of doing a balloon flight? Less than 1 hour from Lyon, Saint-Etienne and Valence, come and realize your dream in Annonay, in Ardèche Grand Air! What could be more magical than "going up in the air" in the city which saw the birth of the invention of the hot air balloon? All year round, come and have a balloon ride in Annonay to fly over our luscious, green landscapes. Between the treetops and the clouds, you will enjoy a 360 ° panorama view of this beautiful city.

Why is Annonay the capital of hot air ballooning?

The Montgolfier brothers, inventors of the hot air balloon, are from the region and grew up right next to Annonay, in Vidalon. After multiple experiences on the territory, the first aerostat took off on the main square of Annonay, Place des Cordeliers, on June 4, 1783, in the presence of the Estates General of Vivarais. For the past few years, in early June, this wonderful invention has been celebrated with a festive event: the Art of Flight.

Where to make a balloon flight in Annonay?

There are different take-off runways, but it is mainly at the Parc de Déomas in Annonay that the balloons take off from. It is your pilot who will choose the departure of the balloon flight according to the weather conditions and the wind direction on the day.

Who to contact for a balloon ride in Annonay?

You can consult the list of hot air balloon pilots on our site. We recommend our partner Montgolfières: a professional and friendly team who will ensure you have an incredible time in the sky.

How many people can go on a hot air balloon flight?

On average, the balloon nacelles accommodate a maximum of 7 or 8 passengers. The giant balloon of Captain Ludo however can accommodate up to 18 people.

Here is how the adventure takes place at Montgolfières:

- Welcome to the flight site with a continental breakfast
- Safety briefing with our **experienced team**
- Preparation of the equipment, inflation of the balloon and take-off
- A one hour, **breath-taking flight** across Annonay
- Landing and celebration with a **glass of champagne and** pastries
- Attend flight graduation ceremony
- Overall, it takes about 4 hours to live this **exciting adventure.**

What time of year can you fly a hot air balloon?

Flights generally run from March to November but it is possible to fly all year round. The weather conditions must be optimal to make a balloon flight (weak winds, absence of rain and fog), this is why the flights generally leave in the hour following sunrise or in the two hours preceding the sunset.

How to dress for a balloon flight?

You have to be comfortable in your sneakers! More seriously, we recommend an outfit where you are comfortable and good "all terrain" shoes because the landing can hold surprises! It is better to wear pants and provide a sweater because during morning take-offs the air can be fresh, even in summer.

How much does a hot air balloon flight cost?

Rates may vary depending on the company. It costs around € 200 per person and € 170 for a child.

We are waiting for you in Ardèche Grand Air for an unforgettable balloon flight!

Hybrid Text – What did you notice?



The basic leaflet had some good qualities of a hybrid text - one which is both informative and persuasive including:

- Clear heading and subheadings (posed as questions)
- Facts and information
- Bullet points
- Persuasive vocabulary choices
- Rhetorical questions and exclamations
- Personal pronouns (you, we)



What do you think was missing? What would make it more appealing to read?

Possibly pictures and captions, maps/clear directions, elements of humour (depending on target audience)

Can you create a better hybrid text (information and persuasion)...?

TASK 2 – CAN I CREATE A HYBRID TEXT?

Your second task is to create a hybrid text/leaflet (with information and persuasion) about a city or a specific place/destination in France where tourists may visit. You can choose to edit and improve the 'Take a hot air balloon flight in Annonay!' example text if you wish to.

Other ideas you could choose from include:

- Paris
- The Eiffel Tower - Paris
- Disneyland - Paris
- The French Riviera
- Mont Saint-Michel - Normandy

There will be a blank leaflet template (labelled **15.6.20 - Task 2 Leaflet Template**) if you wish to use it, or you can design your own!

Please remember to consider the **audience of your text as this may change the language/vocabulary you use**. For example, is your leaflet for a young couple? Is it for a retired couple? Is it for a family with young children? You need to consider this as it may change the information you include as well as your language choices!

GOOD LUCK 😊

Please remember to send your work to myself or Mr Bull through the class emails or twitter pages so that we can give you some well-deserved praise and feedback!

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