

Day 3 29.4.2020 – New Text

Retrieval skills

“You’ll be fine!” Papa said.

Christophe looked through the gates at his new school. His legs didn’t want to move.

“You remember which way you have to go?”

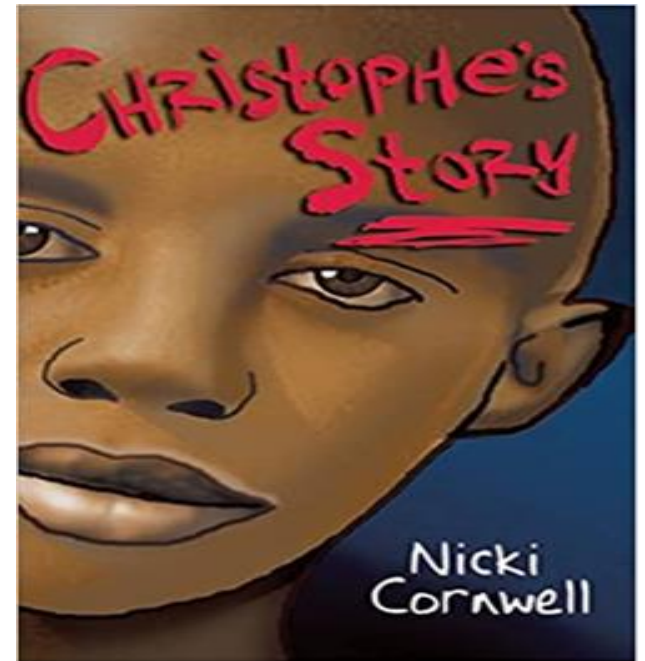
“Yes, Papa!”

“Smile! You look as if you have eaten bad meat!”

Christophe tried to smile.

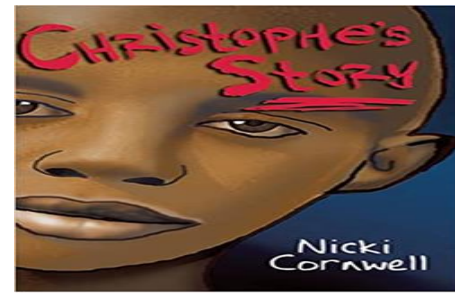
“Good! Now off you go! Miss Finch is waiting for you!”

Forcing himself to turn away from Papa, Christophe walked across the deserted playground. He was eight years old, and he hadn’t been to school for two years.



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Miss Finch set the children some work to do, then she came to talk to Christophe.

She had eyes as blue as the sky, long silky hair the colour of corn, and pale pink skin. When she smiled, he thought that the sun had risen.

“You speak lots of languages, don’t you!” she said. “Who taught you to speak English?”

“My papa did. He can speak French and English. And Kinyarwanda.”

“He’s a clever man! What kind of work does he do?”

“He’s a doctor, but he doesn’t work now.”

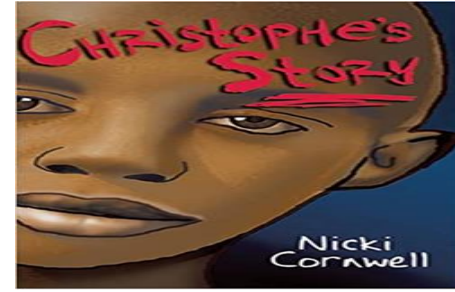
“Oh!” said Miss Finch. She gave a little cough. Placing an open book on the table before him, she said, “You haven’t been to school for a long time, have you? Don’t worry, you’ll soon catch up! Let’s see what you can tell me about this story!”

A story? In a book? But stories shouldn’t be written down! That’s what Babi said!

Christophe felt sick. He stared at the black squiggly patterns of the ink on the white page.

1. Why did Christophe’s dad say “You’ll be fine!?”
2. Where is Christophe at the beginning of the text?
3. Why did he force himself across the playground?
4. How old is Christophe?
5. Describe Miss Finch.
6. **Find and copy** one word that means smooth.
7. What languages can Christophe’s dad speak?
8. Christophe felt sick. Why?

Day 3 – Retrieval Answers



1. Why did Christophe's dad say "You'll be fine!?"

He was starting a new school.

2. Where is Christophe at the beginning of the text?

By the gates of his new school

3. Why did he force himself across the playground? **It was his first time to go to school in two years.**

4. How old is Christophe? **He was eight years.**

5. Describe Miss Finch. **She was a teacher. She had eyes as blue as the sky, long silky hair, the colour of corn and pale, pink skin.**

6. Find and copy one word that could mean smooth.

7. What languages can Christophe's dad speak? **English, French and Kinyarwanda**

8. Christophe felt sick. Why? **He thought that stories shouldn't be written down.**

Challenge:

Explain why it might be difficult for a new child (like Christophe) to start a school. Give more than one reason.