# **English book report**

**A. Personal information**

**B. General information about the book and the writer**

1. a The title of the book is Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children.

b The title fits the book.

c The book is about a couple of peculiar children who live in a home together guided by a peregrine falcon, or woman called mis Peregrine. So the book’s title is basically the name or a description of the home where the children are staying.

1. a The writer of the book is Ransom Riggs.

b Ransom Riggs is born on the 3rd of February in 1979, so Riggs is 41 years old. He is born in Maryland in the U.S., and grew up in Florida in the U.S. Ransom Riggs is a writer, but also a filmmaker. His most famous book is this one, Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children.

3. a The book was published in the year 2011.

b I don’t think the book is significant for the year or period it was written in.

4. a The genre of the book is fantasy.

b A book with the genre fantasy, contains unrealistic settings, or magic, or mythical or supernatural being as a primary element of the plot, theme or setting. The book I read, had monsters and people with peculiarities (or superpowers). That is why I think the genre of the book is fantasy.

5. a The main theme of the book is truth.

b Other themes in the books are love, time, the power of youth and past vs present.

c I think love is a theme in the book, because Jacob gets to love Emma in the book. I think time is an important theme in the book, because Jacob enters a time loop which resets every 24 hours, and some of the protagonists in the books are imbrynes, and imbrynes can manipulate time and do that.

6. a The book starts in present time, in Florida, but most of the time the book takes place on the fictional island of Cairnholm, Wales in the year 1943, because that is when miss Peregrine’s loop is.

b “I can tell you the exact day, it’s the third of September, 1940”

7. a The book has got a first person narrator.

b I made no argument. I didn’t know if my chances were any better in the hands of this unbalanced girl than with that slavering mob of clubwielding drunks, but at least with her I figured I had a shot at getting some answers.

8. a The story begins with a quite worrying phonecall from Jacob’s grandfather, called Abe. Jacob is working at the family business, when his grandfather calles him. Jacob then rushes to his grandfather’s house, because Abe has dementia and Jacob worries a lot about him. When Jacob arrives at his grandpa’s house, he finds the house left and damaged. Jacob goes to look for his grandpa in the woods behind the house and finds his grandpa, it must’ve been a horrible sight, because Jacob’s grandpa is hardly alive and his eyes are missing. Abe’s last words were: “Go to the island, here it is not safe. Find the bird in the loop on the other side of the old man’s grave, September 3, 1940.” The message is cryptic and Jacob is confused. After finding his grandfather, Jacob sees a monster in the woods, a very big one with tentacles from its mouth, just like the monster in the stories Jacob’s grandfather used to tell. Finding his grandfather half dead was quite a traumatic event for Jacob, that’s why he was sent to a psychiatrist. Jacob was the only one who had seen the monster, even though his best friend was next to him and should’ve seen it too. Jacob’s psychiatrist explains that the monster was something his brain made because it was something his grandfather used to talk about and he had just died. Jacob can’t stop thinking about his grandpa’s last words and starts investigating his life. He finds a letter with a name and place on it, the place was called Cairnholm. Cairnholm was the town in Wales where his grandfather used to live as a child, so Jacob thought it was a good idea to go there and find out more about his grandfather. Jacob’s psychiatrist agrees with him and his father does eventually too, because he can go birdspotting in Wales. When Jacob arrives in Wales he finds the loop of the bird and more and more things are clear to him, but Jacob also finds out that he is different than most others. And that is why there is a lot of danger for him.

b Wikipedia.com

**C. Your own interpretation of the book**

9. a I think the book teaches you that you should believe someone until proven that it is not true what the person says. (At least most of the times)

b Jacob’s grandpa used to tell Jacob stories when Jacob was young, the stories included monsters and people with “superpowers”. That is why everyone told Jacob that the stories were not true, even though his grandpa told the stories as if they were true. The stories turned out to be true, so Jacob should’ve believed his grandpa

10. a The most important protagonists are: Jacob, Abe, Emma and Miss Alma Peregrine. The rest of the peculiar children are also important but less that the three who are named above.

b Jacob is a boy from Florida, in the book he is 15 and 16 years of age. Jacob thinks he’s the most ordinary person of the whole wide world, but that turns out to be not true. Emma is a girl who lives in miss Peregrine’s loop. So she doesn’t actually age. In the loop she’s around Jacob’s age, even though her real age outside the loop would be lots and lots more than around 16. Emma has the peculiarity that she can make things really hot with her hands, and she can also make fireballs and throw them at people.

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| Name of  protagonist 1: | Jacob | Name of  protagonist 2: | Emma |
| Positive:  He can see the monsters. | Negative:  He does not know who to believe and who not to believe. | Positive:  Emma can play with fire. | Negative:  Emma is always very emotional. |
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12. a I think the most important event in the book is when Jacob finds miss Peregrine’s loop.

b I think the most important event in the book is when Jacob finds the loop, because in the first part of the story he is looking for it, and when he had found it, he joined the peculiar children in the loop and made adventures with them.

13. a The book ends with the victory of a fight with a whight.

b The book I read was made into a film with the exact same title, the ending in the film was slightly different that the book though. I like the ending of the book, but I prefer the ending of the film.

14. a+b What is your overall opinion about the book? Tip: think about the theme(s), the topic of the book or the way in which the story is written. My overall opinion of the book is that it was absolutely amazing, I’ve once seen the movie by director Tim Burton, but that was more than 3 years ago. The book was a bit confusing though. That’s because I had seen the film and that was slightly different, so I didn’t know if the things I had memorised were from the film or book, that was a bit confusing. The book is written in American English, because the writer is American. I found that a bit confusing too, because for example: it took me 3 times to realise that a flashlight is in fact American English for a torch. But my overall opinion is that I really liked the book.