

This week, we are going to be looking at **The Island** by Armin Greder. Some of you might remember it from Year 5. This book is also about an outsider, but that the outcome is less positive than the book we read last week.

You can see the story being read **here**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4B-uWcY9KsM>

If you wanted to have your own copy to look at, is available on Amazon and the Kindle version can be accessed online.

We do not know why the man took to his raft. *Why do you think the author does not tell us his name?*

Look at the illustration on the page where the author shows life as 'it always had been'.



What is life like for the islanders? Why are the islanders so scared of this man?

Answer these questions based on the story. Some may have more than one right answer. Give evidence to support your answer.



1. If the man had arrived on the island wearing clothes and able to speak the same language as the islanders do you think he would have been treated differently? In what way and why?
2. Why do you think the islanders were afraid of the man? Give evidence from the text.
3. Should the islanders have treated the man differently? How?
4. In what ways was the Stranger different to the Islanders?
5. Were there any ways in which the Stranger was the same as the Islanders?
6. Who is the book about, the Stranger or the islanders? Explain your answer.
7. What points do you think Armin Greder is trying to make in this book?
8. Can you think of another ending that the author could have chosen for the story? Would it have kept the message the same?