

Daemons

(Page numbers based on Scholastic edition)

1. What is a daemon? Discuss or brainstorm ideas.
2. List 10 names of famous people:
(e.g. Hitler, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Johnny Depp, Macbeth etc.)
3. Write down an appropriate daemon for each, giving your reasons. Remember, daemons are a physical representation of the 'self'. You should think about characteristics, interests, employment etc.
4. Now choose your best one and explain the choices you have made.
5. Read the passage below, where the sailor explains to Lyra why daemons settle. How does Lyra feel about this? Discuss.

'Ah, they have always settled and they always will. That's part of growing up. There'll come a time when you'll be tired of his changing about, and you'll want a settled kind of form for him.'
(p.167)

6. In pairs, make a list of the different daemons you have come across in the novel. Why are all servants' daemons, breeds of dog?
7. Now write a list of your own interests, hobbies, sports, favourite subjects, food and future occupations.
8. You are now ready to create a daemon for yourself. (Remember to choose something that reflects the different aspects of your character.)
9. Write a paragraph describing your daemon and explaining how it reflects aspects of your personality. How is it like you?
10. Finally, name and draw your daemon.