

Approach: Station

Year: 8

Focus: Making connections

Resources: Work book

Questions / instructions:

The Golden Scarab is an adventure story. It takes place in New Zealand but also tells about Ancient Egyptian times.

Read the comments that some children made about the story.

'The Golden Scarab' was a thrilling mystery which, at some parts, I couldn't put down. It kept me on the edge of my seat and was extremely enjoyable.

The climax is exciting and I liked the fact that it was educational as well as mysterious.

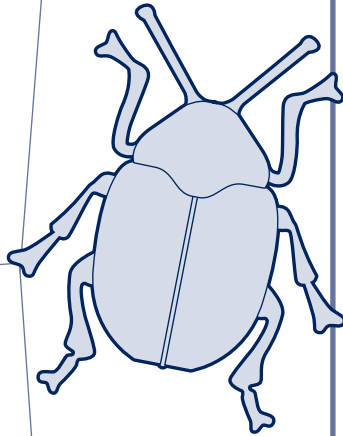
It's totally awesome- please write another one!

**Matt**

'The Golden Scarab' was a great read. It intrigued me with a good story line that kept me wondering what would happen next.

There was a lot of detail with the characters so I could really imagine them.

**Jake**



I thought 'The Golden Scarab' was really interesting and used lots of descriptive language.

I can relate to the area it is set in.

The beginning grabbed my attention straight away and made me want to read more.

There is lots of interesting history about Egyptian culture with some funny parts as well.

**Jordyn**

I really enjoyed this book. I found it easy to understand. It was hard to put down, which means it's a good book. There were just a few things I didn't like. The writing was quite small so maybe the publishers could improve it by making the writing bigger. Also the plot was quite simple and sometimes I could guess what was going to happen.

**Dylan**

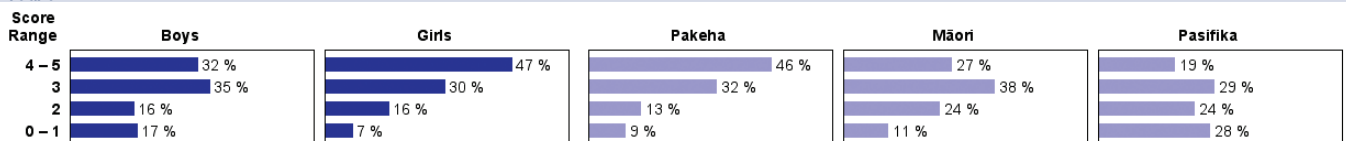
1. What did Matt and Dylan say that was the same?  
*hard to/couldn't put the book down*  
*extremely enjoyable/really enjoyed this book*
2. What did Jake and Dylan disagree about?  
*how predictable the storyline/plot was/what will happen next*
3. What did Matt and Jordyn both think was a good feature of the book?  
*educational/interesting history about Egyptian culture*
4. What did all the readers agree about?  
*they all enjoyed the book/a great book*

<b>Total score:</b>	4-5	39
	3	33
	2	16
	0-1	12

% responses  
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Subgroup Analyses:

Year 8



Commentary:

Year 8 students handled the task of making connections among the four passages moderately well. Girls scored higher than boys and there was a substantial proportion of Pasifika students who had little success.