



The Iron Woman

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Lesson 5

RECALL:

Do you like the story so far?

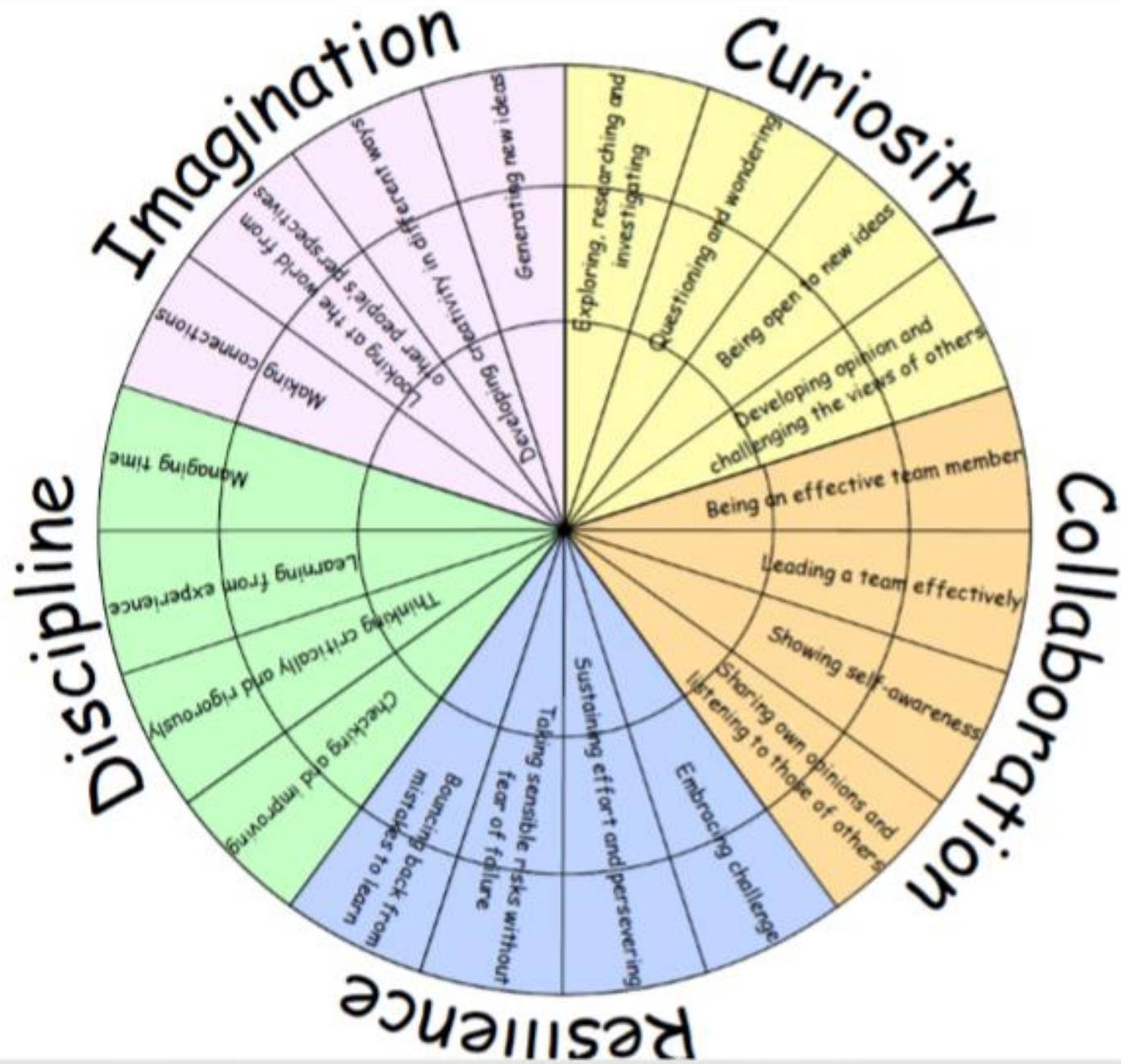
Does it remind you of any other stories you've read?

How would you describe the character of Lucy?

SKILLS: Blueprinting

Today we are going to examine how the text has been put together.

You will need your copy of the text extract for this lesson.



LEARNING HABITS:

Which learning habits do you think we will need to use today?

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Lucy had an idea. She got the hose and turned it on.



Main character had an idea. She got something to solve the problem.

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Lucy heard a strange voice.



Main character heard a strange sound.

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The voice told Lucy what to do.



Very short speech sentence.

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Lucy cleaned the Iron Woman's leg with the hose.



Main character used the object to solve the problem.

EXAMPLE BLUEPRINT FOR THE STORY:

PART OF THE TEXT	CONTENT	FEATURES
PART 1	Main character had an idea. She got something to solve the problem.	Short sentence, followed by a long sentence with a sequence of events.
PART 2	Main character heard a strange voice.	Description of the sound.
PART 3	The voice said something.	Command Very short speech sentence
PART 4	Main character used the object to solve the problem.	Mix of: -describing what the main character did -what the main character was thinking