

Literacy World
Comets

Stage 2

Title:

Secrets and Lies

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Year:

4

Genre:

Novel that raises issues

Summary

Lauren is keen to go on the weekend school trip but her parents refuse to give permission. Lauren's older sister died from meningitis when she was two and this has made Lauren's parents over-protective of her. So when Lauren is invited to Serena's sleepover party she already expects that her parents won't let her go.

She asks her friend Daniel for advice but she realises he doesn't really understand about the party or her parents. She tells Serena that she will go to the party. Then she looks for an opportunity to ask her parents, but it never seems to be the right moment. On the day of the party she tells Daniel that she is going to go to Serena's without permission, but she makes him promise not to tell anyone. She leaves a note for her parents and makes her own way to the party.

When Lauren's parents discover she is missing they are frantic with worry. They go round to Daniel's house to ask him what he knows. Daniel does not want to break his promise to Lauren but he knows he must get a message to her. He asks his friend Zach to track down Serena's telephone number, which Zach's brother has in his diary. Daniel phones Lauren and persuades her to phone her parents. Serena's mother is very helpful, calming down Lauren's parents and gently persuading them that no harm can come to Lauren. Reluctantly they agree to let her stay at the party, and realise that they must allow their daughter a little more independence.

Primary Framework Objectives:

Y6 strand 1: Identify and summarise evidence from a text to support a hypothesis

Y6 strand 2: Deduce characters' motives for behaviour from their actions

Y6 strand 3: Interrogate texts to deepen and clarify understanding and response

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