

1. Context: Michael Morpurgo was born in St. Albans, Hertfordshire, on 5 October 1943, whilst his father was away fighting in the war.	16. Tophorn: Tophorn is a beautiful and imposing black horse who rides alongside Joey at the front of the cavalry. He is Joey's best friend and constant support.
2. Context: After primary school, Michael was sent off to a boarding school in Sussex.	17. Cavalry: A military force mounted on horseback.
3. Context: Michael joined the army at Sandhurst after school, and whilst he liked the good food and the friends he made, he didn't enjoy being shouted at.	18. Military ranks: Trooper, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Major
4. Context: Michael decided to become a teacher and went to study English and French at King's College, London.	19. Vocabulary: Emblazon - <i>verb</i> - decorated with colour/s
5. Context: Michael decided to change direction once again, and set up a charity: Farms for City Children.	20. Vocabulary: Foreboding - <i>noun</i> - a feeling of evil to come
6. Context: Throughout this time, Michael was writing his much-loved books and becoming a brilliant storyteller.	21. Vocabulary: Trepidation - <i>noun</i> - a feeling of alarm or dread
7. Context: Michael was the Children's Laureate from 2003-2005 and received an OBE in 2006 for his services to literature.	22. Vocabulary: Exuberance - <i>noun</i> - joyful enthusiasm
8. Context: World War I or the First World War (28 July 1914 – 11 November 1918), often abbreviated as WWI, was one of the deadliest global conflicts in history.	23. Vocabulary: Sporadic - <i>adjective</i> - recurring in scattered and irregular or unpredictable instances
9. Context: Eight million horses, donkeys and mules died in World War 1 (WWI), three-quarters of them from the extreme conditions they worked in.	24. Vocabulary: Bedlam - <i>noun</i> - a state of extreme confusion and disorder
10. Context: The Second Battle of the Somme of 1918 was fought during the First World War on the Western Front from late August to early September,	25. Vocabulary: Arduous - <i>adjective</i> - characterised by effort to the point of exhaustion; especially physical effort
11. Published: 'War Horse' was first published in 1982 by Kaye & Ward.	26. Vocabulary: Wryly - <i>adverb</i> - in a humorously sarcastic or mocking manner
12. Perspective: The novel is written from the perspective (point of view) of Joey, a horse bought by the Army to serve in World War 1. It describes Joey's experiences.	27. Vocabulary: Euphoric - <i>adjective</i> - characterised by an exaggerated feeling of well-being or elation
13. Anthropomorphic narrator: a strategy for storytelling whereby human characteristics are applied to non-human characters.	28. Vocabulary: Dote - <i>verb</i> - shower with love; show excessive affection for
14. Joey: A beautiful red bay with a white star on his head and four equal-length white socks. He is purchased when still young by a farmer, and forms an incredibly close bond with the farmer's son, Albert.	29. No-man's land: the narrow, muddy, treeless stretch of land, that separated German and Allied trenches during the WW1. Being in No Man's Land was considered very dangerous since it offered little or no protection for soldiers.
15. Albert Narracott: Albert will do anything for his best friend (Joey) – even head into the battlefield. He's not the type to ever give up.	30. Trenches: a deep hole dug by soldiers and used as a place from which they can attack the enemy while being hidden: trench warfare.

