

Iron Man knowledge organiser

Ted Hughes the Iron Man



Key information:

Plot: Mankind must put a stop to the dreadful destruction caused by the Iron Man. A trap is set for him but he cannot be kept down. Then, when a terrible monster from outer space threatens to lay waste to the planet, it is the Iron Man who finds a way to save the world.

Setting: Science fiction/fairy tale. A coastal farm

Themes: bravery, prejudice, irrational fear, inclusion, never fear people who are different to you, understand and accept them. Intelligence can succeed when weaponry fails.

Blurb:

'Reckoned one of the greatest of modern fairy tales' - **Observer**

'Starts superbly with a clanking iron giant toppling from a cliff and lying smashed on the rocks below. Then his various parts get up and search for each other. Hughes has never written so compelling.' - **The Times**

Key characters:

Iron Man	The giant 'metal man' of unknown origin
Hogarth	The local boy who lures the Iron Man.
Space-Bat - Angel-Dragon	The space being who resembles a dragon
Farm Hands	Hatch a plan to destroy the Iron Man

Key vocabulary:

craned	stretch out your neck in order to see something	wallowing	thinking over something without restraint - almost enjoying it
gleefully	do something in a joyful way - do it full of glee	jagged	with rough, sharp points sticking out
scuttling	run quickly in short little steps	unfurled	become spread out from a rolled up state
immense	extremely large or great	pedestals	the base or support on which a statue or column is mounted
blazed	burn fiercely or brightly	swathes	a broad strip or area
gasping	catch your breath with an open mouth due to pain or astonishment	monstrous	an outrage or evil
stupendous	extremely impressive	jolting	push, or shake roughly
sheer	nothing other than, or a straight drop	emerald	the colour green - from the stone