

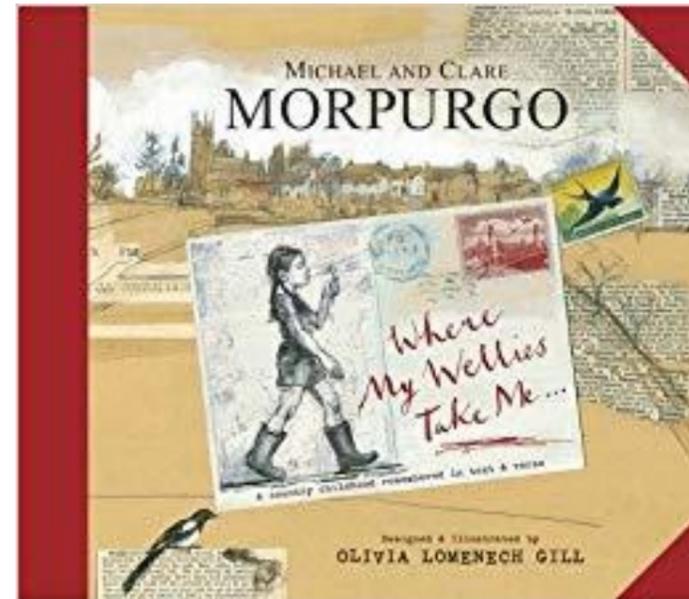
Authorial Focus	
Author	Michael and Clare Morpurgo
Date of birth	5 th October 1953
Place of Birth	Hertfordshire
Early life	Morpurgo was born in 1943 as Michael Bridge; his biological father was actor Tony Van Bridge. His mothers, Kippe Cammaerts was an actress and married Jack Morpurgo during World War II while Van Bridge was away.
Published	2012
Later Life	Morpurgo married Clare, whose father was the founder of Penguin Books. In 1976 Michael and Clare established the charity Farms for City Children with the aim of providing children from cities the chance of experiencing the countryside. Around 85,000 children have taken part since the scheme was set up and the charity now has three farms.

Geographical Focus	
Demographics	Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom.
Maps	Simple compass directions (north, south, east and west) and locational and directional language (near and far, left and right) to describe the location of features and routes on a map
Weather	Seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom
	How things grow depending on the weather
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - key physical features including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather - key human features including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop

Historical Focus	
Hunting	Studying the reasons why people hunt (food, wealth, competition, farming) and how these link with the different social groups.
Social classes	The history of different social classes (upper, middle, lower) and how people perceived others.
Superstitions	Focused around farming and how these came around. For example: Magpie poem Red sky at night
Mayday	Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally. For example, events commemorated through festivals

Cultural/Science Focus	
Farming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe the basic needs of animals for survival and the main changes as young animals, including humans, grow into adults • identify whether things are alive, dead or have never lived • group animals according to what they eat, describe how animals get their food from other animals and/or from plants, and use simple food chains to describe these relationships
Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • describe seasonal changes

Historical Focus Quiz									
Pick the reasons people hunt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for pleasure - for good luck - for money - to eat - to scare animals away 								
Match the number of magpies with the rhyme	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Two</td> <td>boy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One</td> <td>girl</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Four</td> <td>sorrow</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Three</td> <td>joy</td> </tr> </table>	Two	boy	One	girl	Four	sorrow	Three	joy
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What are the historical social classes? There are three.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lower - Art - Upper - Poor - Rich - Middle 								
Where is May Day usually celebrated?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Towns - Cities - Villages 								
When is May Day?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st may - 5th may - 11th may 								
How do people celebrate May Day?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crown the May Queen - Make a bonfire - Sing carols - Dance around a maypole 								



Geographical Focus Quiz	
What are the key features of villages? Pick two.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less than 3000 inhabitants - A mix between businesses and houses - Rural setting - A range of regular public transport
Which of these are physical features?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beach - City - Village - Farm - Mountain - Hill - Sea
What time of year are lambs born?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter - Autumn - Summer - Spring
Which of these grows in the ground?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apples - Dandelion clocks - Potatoes - Cherries - Blossom - Carrots
Which of these appears on a compass?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Left - North - South - Forwards - East - Right - West

Suggested Visits	
Cuckoo Trail walk	
	Looking at nature and seasons – thinking about our 5 senses.
	Looking at routes and maps – finding our way using directions
Farm	
	Lambing and farming