

Task 1

Why do you think Jim's mother has sent him out to buy the pie?

I think that Jim's mother had sent Jim to go and buy some pie because they had nothing to eat as the rest of the family..

Who do you think will eat it?

I think that Jim will eat the pie because he hasn't eaten food for days and he is starving.

Jim himself has counted out his Ma's last coins to pay for the pie: do you think this is significant?

Yes, to see what he could buy, at the end.

Do you think it would be usual for him to look in his Ma's purse?

Yes ,because he needs to know how much money he has to buy food.

Do you think Jim knows what the significance might be?

Yes, because in the text he says that the food should have extra of everything since it's the last coin they have.

What is the impact of the word 'last'? Why is this adjective important?

The impact of the word 'last' is meaning that it's the final thing of the subject they are talking about. And the word 'last' is an important adjective because it's mainly saying the last coin which is identifying what it really means to be the last thing.

What emotions do you think Jim might feel as he looks through his Ma's purse, as he asks for the pie, as he rushes it home?

I know he feels worried, sad and insignificant because he has nothing to eat and could die of starvation.

Task 2

From what you have read so far, and what you can now see on the cover, when do you think the book may be set?

I think that the story is set in the 1980's because as you can see back in the days they had lots of chimneys, and coming out of it were smoke, and I could also tell by the boy (Jim) outfit.

What gives you this idea?

Because in the text she insults the boy when he comes into the shop.

What do you think a 'street child' might be?

I think street child might mean a child living homeless or living on the streets.

Does the cover give you any clues?

The cover gives me clues because it shows a boy running from a dog or seeing if he lost the people who he was being chased by.

What do you think life might be like for a street child?

I think that it will be mostly hard for street kids, because sometimes people struggle to find food and water to survive with no help.

What might the challenges be?

Finding food, having a good place to sleep, finding water and joy to survive.

What might they need to think about, in order to survive?

The top thing you would need to do to survive is finding good and healthy food to eat, and a good place to sleep, and some refreshing water.

The cover calls the book a 'modern classic' What do you think this description means?

I think that this might mean that it's a classical book that's been written most of the time by different authors and different stories, but could be held differently and what I mean about that is people could add different parts of their own imagination to the stories to sometimes even make it suspenseful.