

THE HORRIFIC TALE OF GREAT UNCLE STILTON

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The Return to Grubberly Hall

Looking at the text

To help you there is one question for each page of text

Date _____ Name _____

**** Well Done - You've finished the whole book. ****

LEARN **exonerate*** means to **absolve**, **vindicate** or to **clear** e.g. The judge had to exonerate the child as she was too young to realise that lifting the handbrake was dangerous. **Exoneration** occurs when a person who has been convicted of a crime and is later proved to have been innocent of that crime

1. What three reasons are given for Sarah counting the steps to the octagonal room?

2. Why do you think, "Nothing was said", after Sarah had finished looking round the octagonal room?

3. What reasons are given for Stilton, "somehow clawing his way back to life" ?

4. You have read some of the autobiography before. Do you think it helps **exonerate** Stilton? YES/NO

Discuss this first with other people and then make notes in the space provided.

How much is Stilton to blame for his own misery?
Whose lives did Stilton affect? Say what he did. e.g. Gary's mum - widowed
How much is Stilton to blame for the misery of others? Was some of it their fault?
Can you think of anything Stilton did to try to put matters right?

EXTENSION WORK

SPEAKING AND LISTENING Discuss: To what extent are we responsible for our own actions?