

# Lyra heads north to find Roger and the other children

*Directly ahead of the ship a mountain rose, green flanked and snow-capped, and a little town and harbour lay below it: wooden houses with steep roofs, an oratory spire, cranes in the harbour, and clouds of gulls wheeling and crying. The smell was of fish, but mixed with it came land smells too: pine resin and earth and something animal and musky, and something else that was cold and blank and wild: it might have been snow. It was the smell of the North.*

## Linking to writing: Describing settings and atmosphere

What does Lyra see which suggests

- 1) the north may be cold?
- 2) The residents of the town may be religious?

Which words that the author uses to describe a smell give the impression that the north may be a little dangerous?

Does the author use any other senses-which one and how?



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Lyra finds some allies who will help her in her adventure

The first is a man: Lee Scoresby

*Look at the pictures*

*What can you infer about the man?*

*Justify your answers with evidence from the pictures*

I infer that....  
I get the impression  
that.....  
I think that.....

BECAUSE





The other character Lyra meets is Lorek Byrnison: an armoured bear



*Look at the pictures*

*What can you infer about the bear?*

*Justify your answers with evidence from the pictures*

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I get the  
impression  
that.....  
I think that.....

BECAUSE

Use the text to decide if the following are fact or opinion. You must explain why you think this using evidence from the text.

	Fact	Opinion	Why you think this?
lorek is strong			
It would be better for lorek to leave the shed and join Lyra			
lorek is repairing the metal of a vehicle			
You should not approach lorek			
The villagers consider lorek to be indispensable			
The sheds are not made of metal.			

Outside the largest of the concrete sheds the great bear was working, and Lyra stood by the open gate to watch. lorek Byrnison was dismantling a gas-engined tractor that had crashed; the metal covering of the engine was twisted and buckled and one runner bent upward. The bear lifted the metal off as if it were cardboard, and turned it this way and that in his great hands, seeming to test it for some quality or other, before setting a rear paw on one corner and then bending the whole sheet in such a way that the dents sprang out and the shape was restored.



What evidence is there that

- Lyra and the Gyptians are well prepared?
- They may be heading for a fight?
- They maybe heading somewhere cold?

