



**JAMES COOK**  
HIGH SCHOOL

**Year 11 English**  
**Activity Booklet**  
**Read 2 Succeed**

**Home Learning Tasks for Year 11 JC Scholars**

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# Welcome to the JC Year 11 English Activity Booklet



**Read the following information carefully before making a start.**

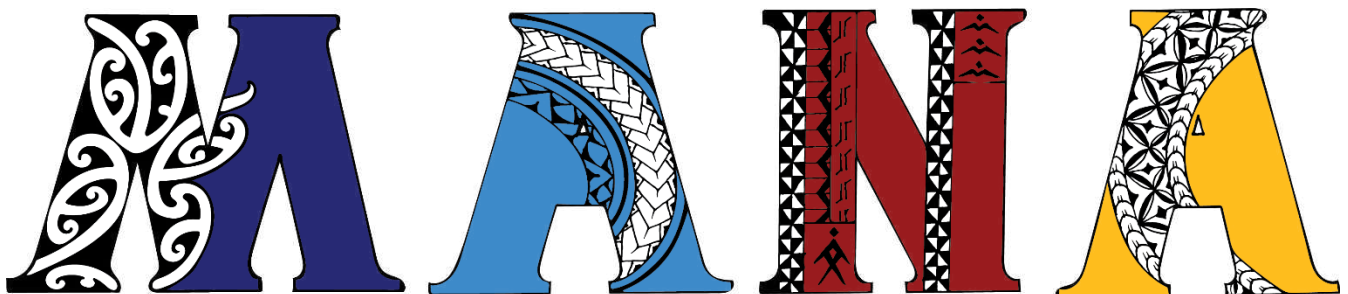
**This booklet contains a text to read entitled 'Labour of Love'. Completing the task could contribute toward a Level 1 assessment for English.**

**If you complete this assessment booklet, return to Ms Hartstone, Head of the English Faculty.**

**We are proud of you for making the effort to do some of this work as Home Learning – you're developing great work habits and taking positive steps to get better every day.**

**Congratulations on your excellent attitude.**

**Make sure you keep this booklet somewhere safe – and remember to bring in any completed work to your teachers when we return to school.**



## ***Labour of Love***

***Anne Phillips***

*He walks into the house, slams the front door and clomps four long steps towards the kitchen. I jump at the noise and look forward to hearing him say, "Where did you come from, eh?" I feel proud of my Dad. He's tall, strong and very tough. It shows in his leathery calloused hands. Dad never stops working. I've hardly ever seen him sit down and relax, even though he'll be fifty in November.*

*Sometimes I feel sad for him when he tells me about his education. When he was at school the teachers were mean. There was no talking and if you didn't understand you were dumb. Dad reckons they were "real grumpy old swines" and he says it's no wonder he never learned anything. I suppose that's why he never reads and Mum always does the correspondence and pays the bills.*

*I think that's also why his jobs are so hard. He does labouring jobs like shearing and fencing. He used to go rabbiting in the old days but he says they don't want rabbiters any more now. Once he took me out into the mountains to go fencing. He'd stomp up the hill in his heavy boots while I dragged a pile of warratahs along behind. The shovel cut hard into the dry earth, then the crowbar chipped and slammed at the solid rock underneath. The dogs huffed and puffed beside us, but when they didn't behave Dad would call out in a low gruff voice, "Get out of that you buggers!"*

*The worst thing though was when the generator broke down. Dad's thick sweatshirt and khaki work trousers became shrouded in grease and oil. A string of swear words rolled out of his mouth and he'd give up in disgust, exclaiming, "Bugger it, it's stuffed!" He's different at home though. Like a big gentle bear he settles into his favourite chair with a cup of stewed tea and lazily rubs his feet together. Then he dozes off and snores until Mum starts crashing around the kitchen, indicating it's tea time. But my most cherished thought of my Dad is when I arrive home for the holidays; he greets me in that cheerful way and says, "Where did you come from, eh?"*

## ***Labour of Love by Anne Phillips – 3 Level Guide***

### **Level One**

True or False. Find evidence (a quote) to back up these statements

- 1) Dad works hard.
- 2) The worst job is fencing.
- 3) Dad is always pleased to see me

### **Level Two**

True or False. Find evidence (a quote) that can be inferred from these statements.

- 4) If you are educated your job is easier.
- 5) A caring teacher makes all the difference.
- 6) Dad is an embarrassment to his family.

### **Level Three**

What do you think about these statements?

- 7) Just because you cannot read or write does not make you dumb.
- 8) The more educated you are the more money you earn.
- 9) If a teacher believes in you that makes all the difference.

**EXTRA FOR EXPERTS** – can you remember what these language features are:

Language Features make your writing more interesting. Find the following features in Labour of Love.

1. An example of colloquial language.
2. An example of alliteration.
3. An example of onomatopoeia.
4. An example of repetition.
5. An example of rhyme.
6. An example of alliteration.
7. An example of a metaphor.

# Journal Entry Templates

The following task requires you to complete a journal entry for the text 'Labour of Love'. There is an exemplar that has already been completed using the sample text provided. You can use this if you get stuck for ideas.



## Journal Entry Part 1

My journal entry on text number:

The date I read this text:

Title:

Author:

Type of Text:

## Journal Entry Part 2 – Information I located

### BEFORE READING

From the **graphics** and / or **title(s)** and / or **captions** I could tell that this text was about.....

### DURING READING

3 new words I found in this text are...

New Words	Meanings

### AFTER READING

The 3 most important facts in this text are...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## Journal Entry Part 3 – Main Ideas / Themes / Messages...

The main ideas / themes / messages for the reader in this text are:

1. That...
2. That...
3. That...

## Journal Entry Part 4 – Purpose

The purpose of the text...

My evidence:

## Journal Entry Part 5 – The Text is...

The text is interesting and / or useful or valid or credible because...

1. Because...

My evidence...

2. Because...

My evidence...

3. Because...

My evidence...