

KS3/4 TEMPLATE

**Spring into reading**

**Book Review Competition 2024**

**Name of student and age**

Ollie Douglas

Age:11

**School name**

Simon Balle All-through School

**Book title and Author**

**Mortal Engines**

By Phillip Reeve



**Rate your book**



This is a wonderful book, definitely one of my absolute favorites

**Briefly outline the plot (without revealing any spoilers!)**

## Plot

In a post-apocalyptic world where cities ride on wheels and consume each other to survive, our protagonist, Tom, is a third-class historian in London. After Tom is forced out of London by Thaddeus, he is forced to become allies with Hester to survive all while being hunted down by Shrike the stalker (a person brought back from the dead and put in a robot body). Magnus Chrome, the man in charge of London is in pursuit of a war-winning weapon called MEDUSA to eliminate all anti-tractionists. Throughout the book Tom and Hester gradually grow an affection for each other and on the last few pages they decide to spend their lives together.

**Who is your favourite character? What do you like most about them?**

## Favorite character

Tom Natsworthy is my favorite character. He is shown to be fascinated with history, yet bored with his apprenticeship. Some characters describe him as sweet and eager to please while others describe him as gentle. I would describe Tom as sanguine because throughout the story he always believes in a positive outcome

**What were the key themes of the book? Did you learn anything new or were there any hidden messages?**

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## Key themes

Theme type	Themes
Positive	The appropriation of history, love, mercy
Negative	War, the destruction of the planet
Neutral	Consumerism, ethics

**How did the book make you feel? Did you smile, cry, or laugh out loud? Share the memorable moments with us!**

### **This book made me feel:**

Multiple plot twists in this story astonished me, they were very unexpected. There were also moments in this book that made me feel euphoric. Reeve Tends to write in bursts. There will be a chapter on context and conveying the story and then one based on action, I find this across all of his books. This makes it easy for him to tell us about something/someone and in the next chapter completely change our view of it.

**Would you recommend this book to a friend? Share your final thoughts with us**

### **Would I recommend this book**

Yes, I would recommend this book to people who are around my age. It is quite advanced, so I don't think that children below the age of 10 should read it. However, for those who can understand it, I think this book would be a great choice for their next read.

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## References:

Grammarly-Helped fix most of my SPAG mistakes

Thesaurus.com-Helped uplevel my language Phillip

Reeve for writing this book

