

# THE STONE BOY HOME2TEACH

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### **The Stone Boy: A Home2Teach Unit**

**Introduction** "The Stone Boy" by Avi is a powerful novel that explores themes of slavery, family, and the search for freedom. This Home2Teach unit delves into the story, its characters, and its historical context to enhance students' understanding and appreciation of the work.

**Question 1: Who is the Stone Boy?** The Stone Boy is a mysterious figure carved into a sandstone cliff in the swamp of South Carolina. He is discovered by a young slave named Tom and becomes a symbol of hope and resistance for the enslaved community.

**Question 2: What is the significance of the setting?** The novel is set in the antebellum South during the 19th century. This time and place provide a backdrop for the horrors of slavery and the struggles for freedom. The swamp setting represents both the oppressive nature of slavery and the possibility of escape.

**Question 3: How does Tom's character develop throughout the novel?** Tom begins as a timid and fearful slave. However, as he witnesses the suffering of those around him and discovers the Stone Boy, he grows more courageous and determined to fight for his freedom.

**Question 4: What is the role of superstition and folklore in the story?** Superstition and folklore play a significant role in the lives of the enslaved characters. They create a sense of community and provide comfort in the face of adversity. The Stone Boy himself is seen as a magical figure with the power to protect and guide those who seek his help.

**Conclusion** "The Stone Boy" by Avi is a compelling and thought-provoking novel that addresses important social and historical issues. This Home2Teach unit provides a comprehensive exploration of the story, fostering students' critical thinking skills, historical understanding, and empathy for those who have suffered under the horrors of slavery.

## **The Theory and Practice of Investment Management**

**Question:** What is investment management?

**Answer:** Investment management is the process of managing financial assets to achieve specific investment objectives. It involves making decisions about asset allocation, valuation, portfolio construction, and investment strategies.

**Question:** What is asset allocation?

**Answer:** Asset allocation is the distribution of investment funds across different asset classes, such as stocks, bonds, real estate, and commodities. It is based on the investor's risk tolerance, investment horizon, and financial goals.

**Question:** How is valuation performed in investment management?

**Answer:** Valuation assesses the worth of investment assets. It uses various methods, including discounted cash flow analysis, comparable company analysis, and market value appraisal.

**Question:** What is portfolio construction?

**Answer:** Portfolio construction involves selecting and combining individual investments to create a diversified portfolio that meets the investor's objectives. This includes determining the weights of different assets and the desired level of risk and return.

**Question:** What are some common investment strategies?

**Answer:** Common investment strategies include value investing, growth investing, income investing, and momentum investing. Each strategy has its own unique principles and objectives, and investors should choose the one that best aligns with

their financial goals.

### **What is Text Input in My iPhone iCloud Storage?**

**Q: What is Text Input?** A: Text Input is a feature in iCloud Storage that stores text data from apps and services you use on your iPhone, such as text messages, iMessages, notes, and email drafts. This data is stored securely in the cloud and can be accessed from any Apple device signed in to the same iCloud account.

**Q: What types of text data does Text Input store?** A: Text Input stores a wide range of text-based data, including:

- Text messages and iMessages
- Notes taken in the Notes app
- Email drafts and messages in the Mail app
- Web browsing history from Safari
- Text input from apps such as Pages, Numbers, and Keynote

**Q: Why is Text Input stored in iCloud?** A: Text Input is stored in iCloud for several reasons:

- **Backup and recovery:** In case of data loss on your iPhone, Text Input data can be restored from iCloud.
- **Cloud synchronization:** Text Input data can be accessed and edited from any Apple device connected to the same iCloud account.
- **Space optimization:** By storing text input data in iCloud, you can free up storage space on your iPhone.

**Q: How do I access Text Input in iCloud Storage?** A: You can access Text Input data in iCloud Storage by:

- Using the iCloud Drive app on your iPhone or iPad
- Opening the iCloud Drive website on a web browser
- Enabling iCloud Drive in the Settings app on your Apple device

**Q: Is Text Input data secure?** A: Yes, Text Input data is encrypted and stored securely in iCloud. Apple uses industry-standard security protocols to protect your data.

**What is the famous line from Sweeney Todd?** Sweeney Todd: [singing] There's a hole in the world like a great black pit/ And the vermin of the world inhabit it/ And its morals aren't worth what a pig could spit/ And it goes by the name of London.

**Is Sweeney Todd ok for a 13 year old?** Sweeney Todd is recommended for ages 12 and up. The show contains mature themes and disturbing imagery, so it may not be suitable for younger children. If you're in the mood for an epic, dark, and thrilling musical experience, see Sweeney Todd; you won't be disappointed.

**What did Sweeney Todd go to jail for?** Young Sweeney Todd almost fell into that common trap, when two years after he joined Crook's shop he was arrested and convicted of petty larceny.

**What is Sweeney Todd The Demon Barber of Fleet Street based on?** Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street is a 2007 musical slasher film directed by Tim Burton from a screenplay by John Logan, based on the stage musical of the same name by Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler, which in turn is based on the 1970 play Sweeney Todd by Christopher Bond.

**What disorder does Sweeney Todd have?** Sweeney's fury and his obsession cross over into insanity in "Epiphany," for during this song Sweeney speedily descends into the type of full-blown psychopathology that characterizes a serial killer – which, of course, he then becomes. Other characters in the musical also appear to be suffering the effects of trauma.

**What is the Sweeney catch phrase?** "Get your trousers on, you're nicked" and "Shut it!" have both passed into popular usage, while quotes such as "We're the Sweeney, son, and we've haven't had any dinner yet, so unless you want a kickin'..." and "I am utterly and abjectly pissed off" demonstrate how the show blended humour into the action.

**How old is Mrs. Lovett supposed to be?** Mrs. Lovett – Female presenting – Age Range: 35-50 – Vocal Range: Mezzo-Soprano (G3-E5) // An entrepreneurial and

amoral meat pie shop owner.

**Are there any inappropriate scenes in Sweeney Todd?** Violence & Scariness  
Blood is frequently shown gushing out like a geyser and often covers Sweeney. A woman is sexually assaulted at a masquerade ball; someone is burned alive in an oven; a young man is beaten with a walking stick. Human meat and bones are ground into beef for savory pies.

**How old was Johanna in Sweeney Todd?** In this version Johanna is sixteen years old. In "Poor Thing", Mrs Lovett describes Johanna as the "year-old kid", which, added to the fifteen years Sweeney has spent in Australia, makes her sixteen.

**How many kills did Sweeney Todd have?** Though dismissed as a fictional story for many years, researchers today have turned up evidence that this gruesome serial killer was, in fact, a real barber who is believed to have murdered about 160 victims, before rendering them into pies. The real Sweeney Todd's barber shop was located on Fleet Street, next to St.

**Why did Sweeney Todd's wife go crazy?** Lucy Barker is a fictional character that appears in some versions of the story Sweeney Todd. Lucy is the wife of barber Benjamin Barker, who is unjustly imprisoned by Judge Turpin, who wants Lucy for himself. After Turpin sexually abuses her, Lucy attempts suicide with poison, but survives and goes insane.

**Did Sweeney Todd love Mrs. Lovett?** Lovett tells Todd she's "always had a fondness" for him, which he does not reciprocate. When he returns home from Australia, she lies and tells him his wife committed suicide. To her dismay, he continues to obsess over his wife and the life he once had, either not noticing or ignoring her romantic advances.

**What was Sweeney Todd's famous quote?** Sweeney Todd: There's a hole in the world like a great black pit, / And the vermin of the world inhabit it, / And its morals aren't worth what a pig could spit, / And it goes by the name of London. At the top of the hole sit a privileged few / Making mock of the vermin of the lower zoo.

**Was Mrs. Lovett based on a real person?** Lovett is a fictional character appearing in many adaptations of the story Sweeney Todd.

**Why does Mrs. Lovett lock Toby in the basement?** Lovett locks Toby in the bakehouse under the pretext of teaching him how to grind meat. While there, he discovers a piece of hair from a "black cow" and a crusty musty toe in a pie he is eating (that man did not wash his feet). Just then, the bloody corpse of the Beadle, recently killed by Todd, tumbles down the chute.

**What is the iconic line from the Sweeney get your clothes on what?** Get your clothes on, you're nicked!" Season 3 episode May had Regan saying, "If you weren't who you are I'd kick your arse up to your shoulderblades." Sheer poetry. The Sweeney came about not long after Thames Television set up Euston Films Limited at the beginning of the 70s.

**What is the main message of Sweeney Todd?** The most important theme of the play was portrayal of the complete futility of revenge – how it blinds the one seeking it and is nothing but a moment of satisfaction that leads to future, largely build on regret.

**Does Sweeney Todd have dialogue?** A very difficult feat musically, 80 percent of the production is traditionally sung while only 20 percent is spoken dialogue.

**Who was Sweeney Todd in love with?** Eventually, Todd murders Beadle Bamford, the Judge, and the insane Beggar Woman, who has stumbled into his shop seeking Mrs. Lovett. When Todd sees the Beggar Woman's body, he realizes she is his wife, Lucy.

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