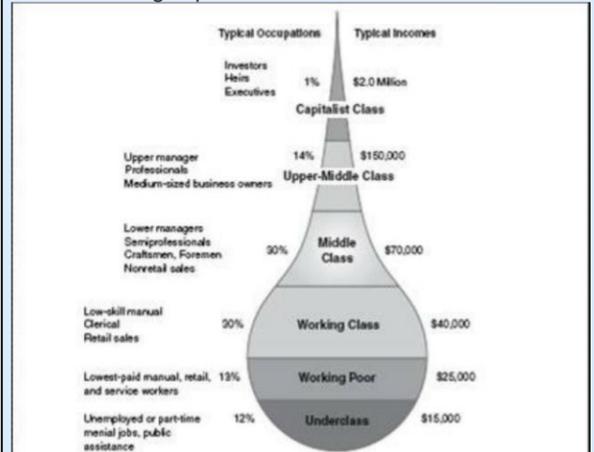


Context Knowledge Overview Text: Journey to the River Sea
 Year Group: 5 Author: Eva Ibbotson
 Term: Spring

Geographical Focus	
Location	
The location of Brazil in South America	
Continent	Brazil is located on the continent of South America.
Cities	Brazilia is Brazil's capital. Manaus is located where the dark Negro River meets the brown, muddy Solimões River. This is called the "Meeting of the Waters."
Geographical Features	
River Source	The source of a river is the original point where the river begins its journey.
River Mouth	The river mouth is the part of a river where the river finishes its journey.
The Amazon Basin	The Amazon River Basin is home to the largest rainforest on Earth.
The Amazon River	The Amazon River is one of world's largest rivers. At the mouth, The Amazon River is so wide it is nicknamed 'The River Sea'.
Tropical Rainforest Climate	Tropical rainforests are found between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn and receive large amounts of rain per year.
Tributaries	A tributary is a stream or river that flows into a main river. A tributary does not flow directly into a sea or ocean.

Historical Focus	
Explorers	
Pioneers	A pioneer is a person who is among the first to explore or settle a new area. Their main jobs were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> mapping a new area classifying new species of plants and animals.
Taxonomy	Taxonomy involves arranging plants and animals into groups.
Taxidermy	Taxidermy is the killing, stuffing and mounting of animal skins.
Women's Suffrage	
Women's Rights	In the nineteenth century, women had no place in national politics. They did not have the following rights: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> property ownership children belonged to husbands it was impossible to divorce
The Suffragettes	Emmeline Pankhurst, the leader of the UK suffragettes, drew attention to women's lack of rights. As a group, they fought for women's right to vote.
English Aristocracy	
English Nobility	The English aristocracy were the highest class in English society made up of noble land-owners. Estates were a sign of their wealth.
Fox Hunting	The tradition of tracking and chasing across the countryside with a pack of hounds by a group of people on horseback.
Slavery	
Human Rights	A slave is a person who is the legal property of another and is forced to work for them without payment.
Transatlantic Slave Trade	The transatlantic slave trade was the transportation of enslaved African people across the Atlantic Ocean.
Rubber Plantations	The Amazon Rubber Boom (in the 19 th Century) was the extraction and selling of rubber. The large areas of land with rubber trees were known as plantations.

Political Focus	
Class System	
Model of the Class System	<p>The class system is a way of grouping people into a hierarchy of different social groups.</p> 

Authorial Focus	
Who wrote Journey to the River Sea?	Eva Ibbotson
When was Eva Ibbotson alive?	1965 – 2010
In which year was Journey to the River Sea published?	2002
Which school did Eva Ibbotson attend?	Dartington Hall School
Eva Ibbotson's husband was part of which profession?	Ecologist/Naturalist
What other books did Eva Ibbotson write?	The Dragonfly Pool The Star of Kazan The Secret of Platform 13 A Countess Below Stairs
What was the inspiration behind 'Journey to the River Sea'?	Cinderella and other fairytales

Context Quiz

On which continent is Brazil located?	South America
What is the capital city of Brazil?	Brasilia
What the name of the geographical feature where a river begins?	The river source
What is the name of the geographical feature where a river meets the sea?	The river mouth
Where is the world's largest tropical rainforest?	The Amazon Basin
What is the nickname for The Amazon River?	The River Sea
What is the climate in northern Brazil?	Tropical climate
What is the name of a river or stream that flows into a larger river?	Tributary
What two tasks did pioneers undertake?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Map a new area 2. Classify new species of plants and animals.
What is the practice of classifying living things?	Taxonomy
What was the Suffragettes Movement?	A group fighting for women's right to vote
Who was the leader of the suffragettes?	Emmeline Pankhurst
What rights did women not have at the beginning the 1900s?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. property ownership 2. children belonged to husbands 3. it was impossible to divorce
What does the following definition describe? 'The tradition of tracking and chasing across the countryside with a pack of hounds by a group of people on horseback.'	Fox hunting
What did the English nobility own as a sign of their wealth?	Estates
What is a slave?	a person who is the legal property of another and is forced to work for them
What does the following definition describe? 'The transportation of enslaved African people across the Atlantic Ocean'	The Transatlantic Slave Trade
What are large areas of land worked by slaves?	plantations
What was the Rubber Boom?	The extraction and selling of rubber
What does the following definition describe? 'A way of grouping people into a hierarchy of different social groups.'	The Class System

TEXT KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson – Y5

Features	
Hook	Word comes from Mr. Murray, a lawyer and Mia’s guardian, that he has found her relatives who are willing to take her in. The Carters live in Brazil.
Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In England, Clovis confesses that he is not the heir and wishes to go home, which causes Sir Aubrey to have a heart attack. As a result, Finn escapes harassment from the inspectors, originally sent by Sir Aubrey. • Mrs. Carter, Beatrice and Gwendolyn return to England to become servants of their wealthy relative, Lady Parsons. • Maia, Miss Minton and Finn all return home (to Manaus) and Clovis "Finn" becomes the heir.
Setting	London 1910, Manaus (Brazil), Taverner
Problem/Dilemma	The Carter’s pursuit of Maia’s inheritance, Maia’s choice between leaving the Amazon to escape bullying from her cousins and her friends/governess or remain with her friends in the Amazon and tolerate the bullying
Characters	Maia, Miss Minton (Arabella), Clovis King, Finn Taverner, Mrs Carter, Mr Carter, Mr Trapwood and Mr Low (inspectors), Aubrey Taverner, Professor Glastonbury, Mademoiselle Lille
Story Type	
Genre	Action and Adventure, Historical Comedy
Theme	love, friendship, power, inheritance, jealousy, honour and inheritance
Plot Type	Comedy, Rags to Riches
Narrative	
Narrative Viewpoint	Third person, omniscient narrator
Narrative Conflict	Man versus Man, Man versus Society
Viewpoint of the author	A satirical condemnation of the English aristocracy for their ostentatious lavish lifestyles
Mood	Liberating, light-hearted, hopeful
Tone	Mischievous, humorous, satirical
Language and Structure	

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Structure and Grammar	Twenty four chapters which follow different characters and join up when the narratives converge.
Types of Sentences	A combination of simple, compound and complex sentences. Semi colon frequently used to join two or more main clauses.
Punctuation	Exclamation marks, speech marks, question marks, commas, full stops, semi-colons, brackets to indicate parenthesis
Metaphor	Miss Minton’s removal of her corset represents the liberation of women
Rhetoric	Tricolon, Epistrophe, Diacope
Quiz	
Who wrote Journey to the River Sea?	Eva Ibbotson
What other books did Ibbotson write?	The Dragonfly Pool, The Star of Kazan, The Secret of Platform 13
Who are the main characters?	Mia, Miss Minton (Arabella), Clovis King, Finn Taverner, Mrs Carter, Mr Carter, Mr Trapwood and Mr Low (inspectors), Aubrey Taverner
At what point does the novel reach its climax?	Aubrey Taverner has a heart attack
What genre is the novel?	Action and Adventure, Historical Comedy
What plot type is the novel?	Comedy, Rags to Riches
What are the main themes of the novel?	love, friendship, power, inheritance, jealousy, honour and inheritance
What is the narrative viewpoint?	Third person, omnipresent narrator
What is the tone of the play?	Mischievous, humorous, satirical
What are the main settings in the play?	London 1910, Manaus (Brazil), Taverner