

Asteroid Attack

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Graphic Organizer (before and during reading)

What are some of the problems the main characters encounter? Fill in the table by writing the main event in each chapter from the book.

253 Matilda	
Alone in the Dark	
Out on the Surface	
Under Siege	
Floating Away	
On the Run	
The Scorpionoid	
The Welcome Rock	

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🕒 Code Breaker

This book contains some interesting words. Use the book and your dictionary to help you to write interesting sentences using these words.

asteroid

debris

gravity

docking bay

shuttle

warship

vaporized

engineer

What do the words in italics mean?

The *blast wave* from the explosion...pushed all the debris...into motion... (pages 13 and 14)

I could tell Samantha was *dubious*... (page 15)

Together, the two of us heaved on the wheel, *to no effect*. (page 50)

A *barrage of energy blasts* hit him squarely in the chest... (page 53)

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☐ Meaning Maker

Think of exciting things to do in space. Draw “photographs” of yourself having some experiences in outer space. Write a caption for each photograph.



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⦿ Text User

In the story, the author poses a series of problems for the main characters. Record what these problems are and how they are solved.

Problems	Solutions

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Text Critic

Who do you think was the main hero in this book? Explain.

What was your first impression of Benjamin? Explain.

Provide evidence (words, phrases, sentences, or events) from the book to show why you had this impression of Benjamin.

What was your first impression of Samantha? Explain.

Provide evidence (words, phrases, sentences, or events) from the book to show why you had this impression of Samantha.

How did the author construct the Scorpionoids so readers knew they were the villains?

Provide evidence (words, phrases, sentences, or events) from the book to show how the author constructed the Scorpionoids.

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Multiple Intelligences

Logical-mathematical, Verbal-linguistic

Design a futuristic device to strip away the power of the Scorpionoids. Label your device.

Explain how your device works.

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Science Fiction

Think of an idea for a science fiction story. Outline the characters, plot, and setting.

Plot/Storyline	
Setting	
Problems	
Solutions	
Main characters	Villains

