

Secret Quest

Read through this exciting story starter and then answer the questions below. What do you think is going on? How mysterious ...

Story starter!

They knew what had to be done. Time was of the essence.

Quietly placing their oars in the water so as not to make a sound, the two dark figures inched their way across the moonlit lake. Far away on the horizon they could see the house. They had to reach it. They had to remain undetected.

To their surprise, a light flickered on in one of the rooms. Was someone there? They were told it would be empty. They were told they would be alone. They saw a silhouette pass the glowing window. Who on earth was it? They exchanged an anxious glance. The one in the top hat whispered under his breath. The one with the curly hair shrugged. Beginning to panic, the pair began to paddle faster, oblivious to the splashing sound they were now making.

It did not matter. Time was running out! They only had a matter of minutes...



Question time!

1. Who do you think the men are and what are they doing?
2. How does the story and the illustration make you feel?
3. Do you think the story is set during modern times or in the past? Give a reason from the text to back up your answer.
4. What do you think will happen next?

Glossary

time was of the essence	Something must be done immediately.
horizon	The line at which the earth's surface and the sky meet.
undetected	Not discovered.
silhouette	An outline of something or someone.
oblivious	Not aware of or bothered about something that is happening around someone.