

A Recorded Course  
With the Author!

# BENEATH AND BEYOND



A True North Book Club

With Author David Stricklen

Class 1 | Chapter 1



Meet Mr. Dave!







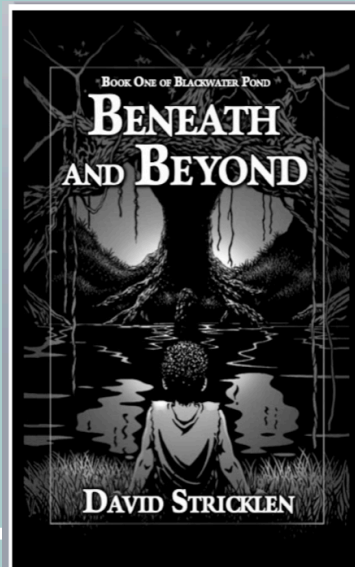
# This class covers Chapter 1...

**So if you've not  
read Chapter 1 yet  
be sure to stop the  
recording and  
read it now!**





Be sure to watch the  
Bonus Video  
with the book's author!



CHAPTER 1 BONUS VIDEO!

## AWESOME VOCABULARY

TO WOW YOUR FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS

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**BONUS VIDEO**

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# Author Secrets from Mr. Dave

1. What is the difference between “fiction” and “nonfiction”? Have you ever written fiction? Where do your creative ideas come from?

2. Mr. Dave will share with you where the idea for this story began...



Discussion  
Questions  
**What is this  
Book  
About?**

**1. Who is the main character, Brian – and what is he like?** Name at least two characteristics that are unique to Brian.

**2. Who is Tommy?** What is Tommy's relationship to Brian? Name at least two characteristics that are unique to Tommy.





Discussion  
Questions  
**What is this  
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**3. Who is Joey?** Is there a name for what Joey is saying and doing? Do you know anyone like this?

**4. Why do you think that Joey behaves the way he does?**

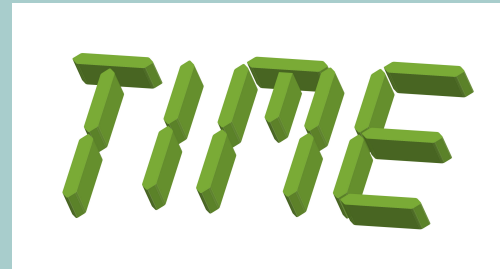
What would you do, if someone behaved like this to you?



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**5. Where is the story happening?**

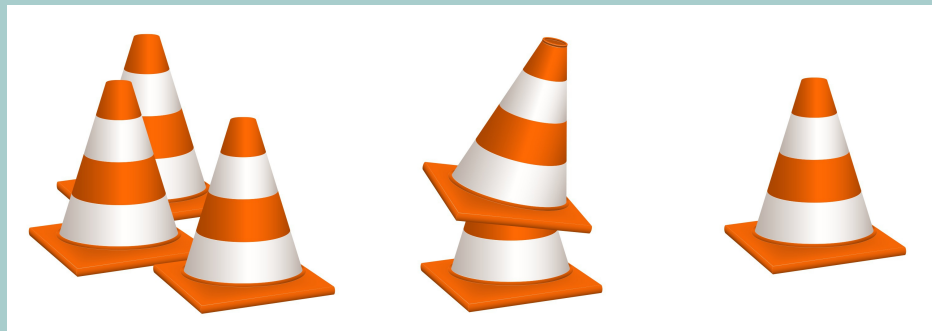


**6. When is the story happening?**  
Is it in the past, present, or future?  
How do you know?



Discussion  
Questions  
**What's  
Happening  
in the story?**

**1. Grandmother has a premonition that something bad is going to happen.** When you read the story, did you feel like the boys should have listened to their grandmother's warning? Why or why not?







## Discussion Questions

**What's  
Happening  
in the story?**



**2. What do you think, when you hear that the boys let down an anchor 100 feet, and it didn't hit anything?**



## Discussion Questions

**What's  
Happening  
in the story?**

**3. The police department had the same experience.** Do you know the name of the kind of story that has an “impossible” or “supernatural” plot such as this?

What does the word “genre” mean?

**What is Genre?**



## Discussion Questions

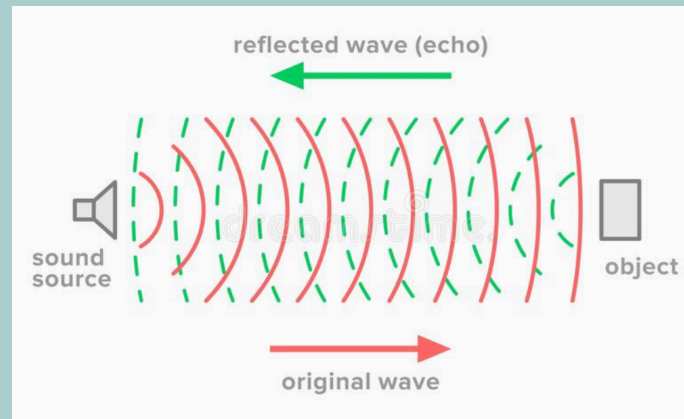
**What's  
Happening  
in the story?**

**5. Whose voice do you think that Brian heard?** Do you believe that Brian heard a real voice, or did Brian imagine it?



Discussion  
Questions

# What's Happening in the story?



6. What are “silent echoes”? Is there such a thing? If an echo is silent, how could the boy hear them? Would perhaps the sounds be coming from inside his mind? What do you think this means?



Discussion  
Questions  
**What's  
Happening  
in the story?**

**7. Brian experienced a lot of emotions in the first chapter.** What are those emotions (can you name them)?





Discussion  
Questions  
**What's  
Happening  
in the story?**

8. When Brian is “sucked down by a giant whirlpool” into the pond, it makes us think that the pond isn't like a “normal” pond.

What's your guess at what's happening?

**This is a story that is “supernatural” or “fantastical” – so anything can happen!**



# “Ebil’s Rhymes and Sayings”

(Ebil-ese)

1. In this story, we’ll be talking a little bit about rhyming.

**What is a *rhyme pattern*** (have you ever heard of it before)?

Do you know of any rhyme patterns in poetry?





# **“Ebil’s Rhymes and Sayings”**

**(Ebil-ese)**

**2. Do you know anything about riddles? What is a riddle?**



# **“Ebil’s Rhymes and Sayings”**

**(Ebil-ese)**

**What—or who—is “Ebil”?**

We’ll find out in Chapter Two!



# Let's Predict!

First...What's a *prediction*?

**What do you think will happen?**

**Using evidence from the book, I predict that...**

**I think...**

**I bet...**

**I wonder...**

What are you wondering, after reading this chapter?



# Let's Answer Questions!

Who      What      When      Where      Why      How

What part of the story did you have the strongest emotions for?





# Let's Clarify!

Be sure to think about what you're reading  
AS you read...



Read

Stop

Discuss



# Let's Clarify!

I didn't get [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] where [ \_\_\_\_\_ ]  
happened in the story], so I [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] to clarify  
and really understand.

READ

STOP

DISCUSS



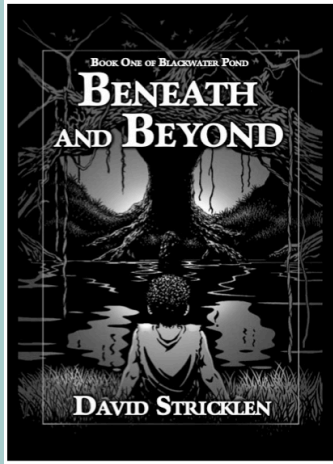
# Let's Summarize!

First...What's a *summary*?

What are some **key events** that happened in this chapter?







**It was great to spend this time together!**  
**See you next time!**



For next time...

**Read Chapter 2**

