



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Reading 3 – Treason

Chapter 4 ‘Aunt Carew’

*Suddenly we were all aware of a flurry in another part of the Hall; a woman’s voice raised in sharp anger, feet pattering in the corridor, and the door to the library was flung wide open. Stephen stood egg-eyed with fright in the doorway, and then he was pushed aside. Aunt Carew, in a purple-red velvet gown crusted with pearls, stood in the doorway like a plum tree bursting with ripe fruit.*

*Brother John closed the book and motioned to us to stand up, but Aunt Carew walked straight past him, brushing him aside as if he were a low-born servant who had strayed into her presence by mistake.*

*“No one to greet me! Too busy reading!” she snapped. “READING, if you please! And look at you both, dressed like peasants. Go up your rooms at once and get the servants to put you into some respectable clothes, fit to greet a lady of the court. And DON’T run.”*

**Vocabulary**

Give two things the word *egg-eyed* suggests about Stephen.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Aunt Carew is described *like a plum tree bursting with ripe fruit*. Why do you think the author has used this simile?

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**Infer**

How does Aunt Carew act towards servants? Use **2 different** examples from the text in your answer.

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**Summarise**

What impression does the author give of Aunt Carew in this extract? Use examples from the text to justify your ideas.

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