

WORD LIST

- bell** (n) a metal, cup-shaped thing. It makes a ringing sound when it is hit
- cathedral** (n) a very large church, the main church in a city
- devil** (n) a very bad person; an enemy of good
- evil** (adj) very bad and dangerous
- flog** (v) to hit someone with, for example, a piece of rope as a punishment
- fool** (n) a stupid person
- goat** (n) an ordinary farm animal that is kept for its wool, milk, and meat
- gypsy** (n) one of a group of people who follow an unusual, colorful way of life and usually travel around a lot
- hang** (v) to kill someone by dropping them with a rope around their neck
- hump** (n) a thick, rounded part on the back of a person or animal
- hunchback** (n) an impolite word for a person with a hump on their back
- priest** (n) a person who has studied the Christian religion and works for a Christian church
- rope** (n) very strong, thick, long material, used for tying things
- sanctuary** (n) a safe place for people in danger
- skeleton** (n) the hard inside part of a body which gives it a shape
- sorcerer** (n) an evil person who uses mysterious sciences
- torture** (v) to hurt a person many times as punishment or because you want information from them
- tower** (n) a tall, narrow building
- whistle** (n) something that makes a loud noise when air from your mouth moves through it
- witch** (n) a woman who can do very bad and mysterious things

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Matilda

Roald Dahl

Matilda is a very clever little girl, but her terrible parents don't like her, and her head teacher, Miss Trunchbull, is very frightening. She isn't very happy. Then one day Matilda starts moving things with her eyes, and after that she isn't afraid of anybody! *Also a film starring Danny De Vito.*

Gladiator

Maximus is a general in the Roman army. After his last battle he wants to return to his family. But the new Emperor Commodus hates Maximus, and kills his family. Soon Maximus is a prisoner, then a slave, and finally a gladiator. When Emperor Commodus joins Maximus in the arena they fight for their lives. *This Oscar-winning film stars Russell Crowe.*

The Time Machine

H.G. Wells

The Time Traveller has built a time machine and has gone into the future to the year 802,701. He expects to find a better world with highly intelligent people and great inventions. Instead, he finds that people have become weak, child-like creatures. They dance and sing and wear flowers. They seem happy, but why are they so frightened of the dark? And who or what has taken his time machine? Will the Time Traveller ever be able to return to the present?

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