

Monday 11th January

Debate and Argument

Learning objective:

Today I am learning to create a persuasive argument

Success Criteria:

I know I will be successful if -

I can design a product that is fit for a particular purpose

I can use persuasive language to argue why my product is the most suitable.

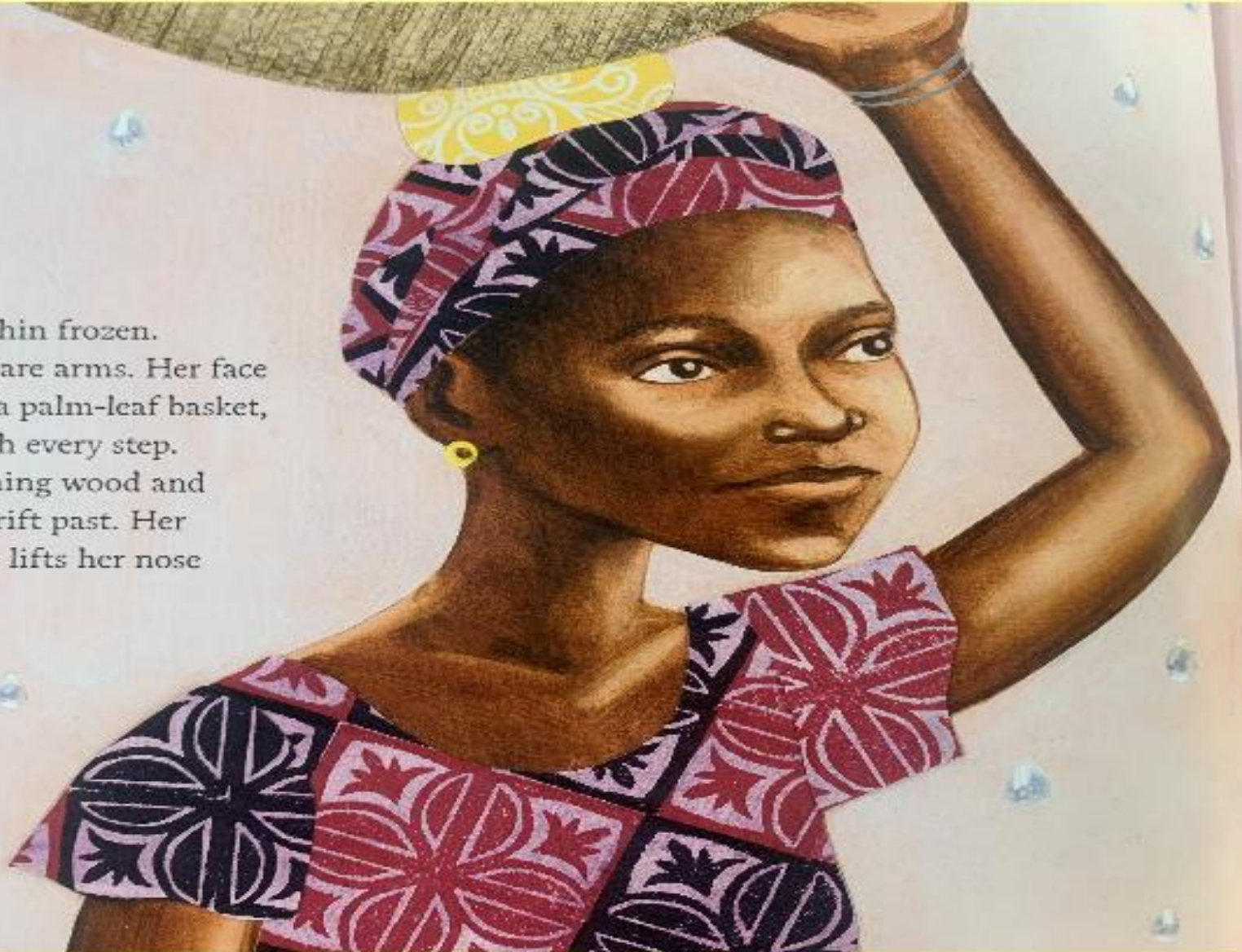
I can justify and explain my thinking.

Let's remind ourselves of our book so far...

Njau, Gambia

Isatou walks with her chin frozen. Fat raindrops pelt her bare arms. Her face hides in the shadow of a palm-leaf basket, and her neck stings with every step.

Warm scents of burning wood and bubbling peanut stew drift past. Her village is close now. She lifts her nose to catch the smell.





The basket tips.

One fruit tumbles.

Then two.

Then ten.

The basket breaks.
Isatou kicks the dirt.

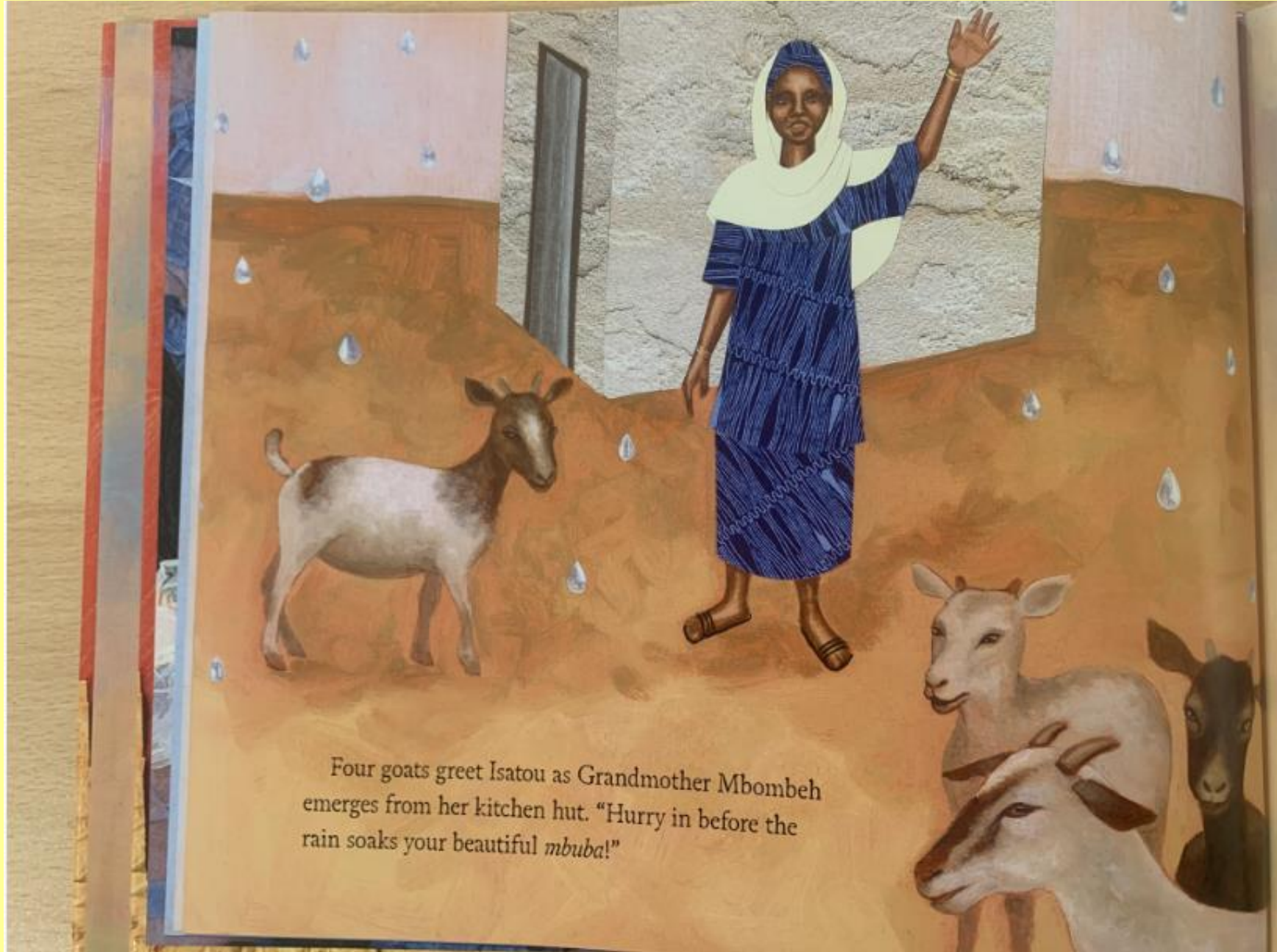
Something silky dances past her eyes, softening her anger. It moves like a flag, flapping in the wind, and settles under a tamarind tree. Isatou slides the strange fabric through her fingers and discovers it can carry things inside. She gathers her fruits in the bag.





The basket is useless now. She drops it, knowing
it will crumble and mix back in with the dirt.

Let's read the next part...





Isatou scurries in, and Grandmother serves spicy rice and fish. Rain drums on the creaking aluminum roof.

"I . . . broke your basket," Isatou confesses. "But I found this."

"Plastic," Grandmother frowns. "There's more in the city."

Why might Grandmother be frowning?

Day after day, Isatou watches neighbors tote their things in bright blue or black plastic bags. Children slurp water and *wanjo* from tiny holes poked in clear bags. Market trays fill with *minties* wrapped in rainbows of plastic.



What is a drinking bag?



What do you think is good and bad about these?

What are the pros and cons of each of these designs?



Thinking about the pros and cons you've just been thinking about, what would you consider to be essential to creating a good plastic drinking bag?

Task

- *You are to propose a design that would make the drinking bag more robust.
- *Draw a design and write a paragraph explaining it (What you consider the main problems, how you fixed them and any special features/ designs you have included and why.)