



■ Reading Contest 2024 – Lycée Paul Langevin, Martigues

Text 1 – King Charles III Gives First Address After Death of Queen Elizabeth II Sept. 9, 2022

https://youtu.be/Y9EUPrd_oJw(1min18)

King Charles III delivered his first address as sovereign on Friday, after the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. The following is a transcript of his remarks, as released by the palace.

I speak to you today with feelings of profound sorrow.

Throughout her life, Her Majesty The Queen — my beloved Mother — was an inspiration and example to me and to all my family, and we owe her the most heartfelt debt any family can owe to their mother; for her love, affection, guidance, understanding and example.

Queen Elizabeth's was a life well lived; a promise with destiny kept and she is mourned most deeply in her passing. That promise of lifelong service I renew to you all today. Alongside the personal grief that all my family are feeling, we also share with so many of you in the United Kingdom, in all the countries where the queen was head of state, in the Commonwealth and across the world, a deep sense of gratitude for the more than seventy years in which my mother, as queen, served the people of so many nations.

Text 2 – "A Haunting in Venice" (2023) directed by Kenneth Branagh

Setting: Post-World War II Venice, Italy. Renowned detective Hercule Poirot, now retired and living in the city, seeks solace from the horrors he witnessed during the war.

The Seance: Invited to a seance at Rowena's palazzo, Poirot reluctantly attends with Judith. During the séance, a strange occurrence disrupts the gathering, leaving everyone uneasy.

Murder at the Palazzo: Later that night, one of the guests, Joyce Reynolds, is found dead in a suspicious drowning accident.

Unearthing Secrets: Poirot, despite his initial reluctance, decides to investigate. He delves into the lives of the suspects, uncovering hidden motives and tangled relationships.

Haunted by the Past: The investigation awakens painful memories from Poirot's past, forcing him to confront his own inner demons.

Supernatural Twists: As the investigation progresses, Poirot encounters seemingly supernatural occurrences, blurring the lines between reality and illusion.

Unmasking the Killer: Using his keen deductions and unravelling a web of lies, Poirot finally exposes the truth behind the murder and the motive hidden within the haunting mystery.