

'Life of Pi' by Yann Martel.

#### Glossary Activity-

**Bildungsroman-** A type of novel concerned with the education, development and maturing of a young protagonist.

**Postcolonialism-** Specifically Post-modern intellectual discourse that consists of reactions to, and analysis of the cultural legacy of colonialism. (A critical perspective that considers the cultural legacy of colonization.)

**Magic Realism-** aesthetic style or genre in literature in which magical elements are blended into a realistic atmosphere in order to access a deeper understanding of reality.

**Post modernism-** A reaction to 'modernism' in art, music and literature. Its style is sometimes fragmented, sometimes playful and questions the absolute nature of truth.

**Psychological Novel-** These novels examine the human experience and workings of the mind.

**Anthropomorphism-** (ch 8) The projection of human qualities onto animals.

**Allegory-** This is where the characters and places in the story can be seen as symbolic of something else.

**Parable-** A short allegorical story designed to teach a moral or religious principle.

**Fable-** A story designed to teach a moral using animals.

**Atheist-** A person who believes that there is no God.

**Agnostic-** A person who believes that it is impossible to know whether God exists. Also does not deny that God might exist.

**Pi ( $\pi$ )-** (ch5) 3.1415 it never ends. The 16<sup>th</sup> letter of the Greek alphabet.

Mamaji- In the novel it is a term of affection for Francis Adirubasamy. He tells the author he has a story that "make you believe in God."

Flight distance- (ch 9)How far an animal will stay from an enemy.

Alpha male- (ch13) Dominant male in a group

Christianity- Religion based on Old Testament and belief in Jesus as the Son of God.

Islam- Religion- Muhammad is the final prophet.

Hinduism- Diverse body of religion, philosophy and cultural practice.

Zoomorphism- (ch 32) Where an animal takes a human being, or other animal, to be one of its kind.

Conundrum- A riddle or hard question.

Prusten- (57) A cats purr of content- lower frequency

Verisimilitude- a quality of appearing to be true or real or something that has the appearance of being true or real.