**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Henry Sugar**

**Voor de docent**

*The Wonderful Story of* Henry Sugar is onlangs uitgekomen. Het is de eerste korte film in een reeks van in totaal vier verfilmingen van korte literaire verhalen.

**ERK-niveau**

*Lezen B2 – Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan literaire en non-fictie teksten lezen met een redelijke mate van begrip voor het geheel en voor details. (LEB2-3b)*

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

**Intro**

A new short film is making waves. It is a short story adaptation.

Assignment 1

You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Name 5 or more English-language writers.

b Name 3 or more forms of prose writing.

**Henry Sugar**

The last week of September 2023 saw the release of a new short film. It is called *The Wonderful Story of* Henry Sugar. It is a film based on a short story.

Rachel has seen the film. [Here you can read what she thinks of it](https://www.themarysue.com/review-the-wonderful-story-of-henry-sugar-is-wes-andersons-reminder-to-us-all-to-be-kind/).

Assignment 2

Read the text. Find (and mark) the following words in the text:

*review – kind – vibrant – to tackle – hue – hilarious – the wit – breathless – a study – blackjack – greed – folly – on the verge of tears – mashup – poignant*

Match the above words and expressions with their correct definitions.

a almost crying

b a card game

c a colour

d the desire to have more of something, such as food or money, than is necessary

e foolishness

f friendly and helpful to others

g mix of two or more things

h out of breath

i a report that gives someone’s opinion about the quality of a book, film, concert, etc.

j a room for learning and reading and writing

k to take on, to get to work with

l a talent for being funny and making clever and amusing remarks

m very bright and strong

n very emotional and moving

o very funny

Assignment 3

a Who wrote the *The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar*?

1 Imdad Khan

2 Rachel Leishman

3 Roald Dahl

4 Wes Anderson

b Choose the best summary of *The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar*.

1 A blind man discovers a small book that describes how to see without using your eyes.

2 A collector of books dedicates three years of his life to learning how to play cards.

3 A gambler learns to see without using his eyes so that he can win at card games.

4 A greedy, foolish man turns his life around and tries to be the best person possible.

c What is the main message of *The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar*?

1 Eating too much sugar is bad for you.

2 Having everything only matters if you do good with it.

3 When you have everything, it can leave you breathless.

4 You can have everything, but life is still meaningless.