

Pippi Longstocking

General Writing Topics

The *Pippi Longstocking* series can be read as children's literature or as a radical satire of the modern world.

Pippi's conversations with her teachers might seem ignorant and disrespectful, but her questions and opinions are good ones. And, obviously, she doesn't need school since she is already managing her life well enough without an education. She has a house, food and a horse, and she knows how to fix her own clothes. What does she need school for?

Pippi's treatment of the police isn't just funny, it implies that the police are not worth respecting. It also implies that the police only exist to enforce an unnecessary system that requires public education from people who would be happier without it.

Tasks for students:

1. Explain, with examples, that Pippi is brave and heroic.
2. Explain, with examples, that Pippi is a liar, a reckless and a crazy girl who needs good parents.
3. Explain, with examples, that Pippi is a clever entertainer and joker.
4. Explain, with examples, that Pippi makes the adult world look silly and useless,