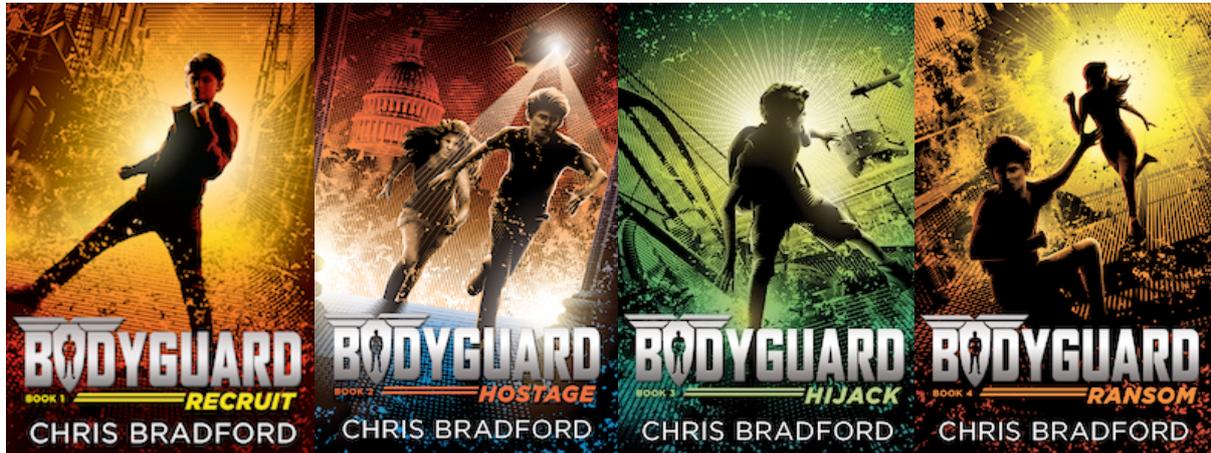


## CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

### The BODYGUARD series



### Chris Bradford

## PROTECT THE TARGET . . . AT ALL COSTS!

#### ABOUT THE BOOKS

***An action-packed adventure series for young fans of Alex Rider and Jason Bourne by bestselling author Chris Bradford.***

With the rise of teen stars, the intense media focus on celeb families and a new wave of millionaires and billionaires, adults are no longer the only target for hostage-taking, blackmail and assassination - kids are too. That's why they need a young bodyguard like Connor Reeves to protect them.

Recruited into the ranks of a covert young bodyguard squad, Connor Reeves embarks on a rigorous close protection course. Training in surveillance, anti-ambush exercises, hostage survival and unarmed combat, he's put through his paces and wonders if he will actually survive the course...

In *BODYGUARD: RECRUIT & HOSTAGE*, Connor is assigned to protect the US President's daughter and his training is put to the ultimate test. For Connor discovers that the First Daughter, Alicia, doesn't want to be guarded. She just wants to have fun. But unknown to her, a terrorist sleeper cell has been activated. Its target: to take the president's daughter hostage...

In *BODYGUARD: HIJACK & RANSOM*, Connor's mission is to protect the twin daughters of an Australian media-mogul aboard their luxury yacht. It's a watertight operation, until the unthinkable happens. Far out to sea, merciless pirates hijack the yacht and demand a multi-million dollar ransom. As the deadline looms the captors grow increasingly bloodthirsty. But there's a flaw in their plan. They didn't count on Connor Reeves being aboard...

# BODYGUARD: RECRUIT & HOSTAGE

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### Discussion

1. In chapter 8 of *Recruit*, Connor meets the Alpha Team, describe members of the team and what their work roles are.
2. Connor is surprised to find that one of his fellow Buddyguards, Charley, is a wheelchair user. Describe why it is important to have people with disabilities working with able-bodied people.
3. In chapter 10 of *Recruit*, Connor learns about the 'Cooper's Color Code'. In your own words describe what this is and why it is important.
4. In chapter 16 of *Recruit*, Connor is in the shopping centre - what makes him think that he is being followed?
5. In chapter 29 of *Recruit*, Connor meets the U.S. President for the first time - describe Connor's first impressions of President Mendez.
6. There are 2 ceremonial flags in the President's office, what do each of them represent?
7. In chapter 42 of *Recruit*, Connor learns about the 'I have a dream' speech. Who gave this speech and when? Describe why it was such an important speech.
8. Alicia explains to Connor how being the President's daughter is not easy. Write a short piece on the advantages and disadvantages of being rich and famous in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

### Creative Writing

Here are 15 words taken from BODYGUARD: HOSTAGE. Write a short story using at least 10 of them (you could use all 15 if you want !) You are allowed to use the words more than once. Target word count: 500-1000 words.

freedom	resource	obscured	glare	surveillance
opportunity	silhouette	confidential	soundproof	overt
surfer	disintegrate	hero	rescue	exchange

## White House Trivia Quiz

1. How many rooms are there in the White House?
2. The White House has had a number of different names at various times in history, can you discover any of them?
3. How many gallons/litres of paint does it take to paint the outside of the White House?
4. How many Presidents have there been in the USA?
5. Which 4 presidents have been assassinated?
6. Research which children's toy is associated with Theodore Roosevelt and describe how this came about.
7. What is the name of the official Office where the President works?
8. Find out at least 3 pieces of information about this Office.
9. What is The West Wing and who works there?
10. There are many famous paintings and works of art at the White House. Research and describe at least 2 of them.

Useful website: [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

## Technology & Surveillance

1. Computer technology is used widely in the communications between Connor, the White House Security, the Hostage takers and his fellow Buddyguards. Describe some of the methods used.
2. What is the difference between surveillance, counter-surveillance and anti-surveillance? Then describe some methods you could use for anti-surveillance.

## Debate: Ransom demands

The US has a 'zero-tolerance' to ransom demands, as do some other countries such as Britain and Canada. However some countries take the opposite view and are prepared to negotiate with terrorists to get their fellow countrymen released.

1. Discuss in small groups your views on paying for the release of hostages.
2. Write up a list of pros and cons for dealing with a hostage-taking situation.

## Art

1. In chapter 7 of *Recruit*, Connor arrives at his training camp in Wales. From your imagination or from the brief description given in that chapter, draw your interpretation of the Headquarters building.
2. Design your own Bodyguard ID card with photo, tag-name, key info, etc

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### Personal Profile

Choose at least two of the characters from 'Bodyguard – Hijack' and write a personal profile for each. You could describe their appearance, either from Chris Bradford's description or from your own imagination. List some of their qualities/personality as described in the book. Don't forget to say what their job is, if they have one.

### Research then discuss Piracy in 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- In what part of the world does piracy occur?
- What do you think the reason is for increased piracy in the C21<sup>st</sup>?
- What sort of equipment do you think Somali pirates use to track ships that they want to hijack?
- Do the pirates make a lot of money?

### Art Work

Design a 'Bodyguard Ransom' bookmark.

### Geography

- Draw the shape of the Indian Ocean
- Then identify where these islands are in that Ocean – Maldives, Seychelles and Madagascar.
- The Maldives is a long and narrow country formed by 26 natural atolls – what is an atoll ?
- On the east coast of Africa identify the country of Somalia
- Research and draw the Flags of – Somalia, Maldives and Seychelles

### Nautical terms - explain what these words mean

Gangway	
Crew	
Bilge	
Deck	
Hatch	
Galley	
Stern	
Porthole	
Bulkhead	
Flare	
Mayday	

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## ANSWERS & WEBSITES

### Discussion

6. There are 2 ceremonial flags in the President's office, what do each of them represent?

One is the Stars and Stripes (The 50 stars on the flag represent the 50 states of the USA and the 13 stripes represent the 13 British colonies that declared independence from the United Kingdom). The other flag is the President's blue coat of arms.

*en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag\_of\_the\_United\_States*

### White House Trivia Quiz

1. How many rooms are there in the White House? **132 rooms**
2. The White House has had a number of different names at various times in history, can you discover any of them? **'The President's Palace', the President's House' and 'The Executive Mansion'**
3. How many gallons/litres of paint does it take to paint the outside of the White House? **570 gallons/2591.3 litres**
4. How many Presidents have there been in the USA? **44 by 2013**
5. Which 4 presidents have been assassinated? **Abraham Lincoln, James A Garfield, William McKinley and John F. Kennedy.**
6. Research which children's toy is associated with Theodore Roosevelt and describe how this came about.  
**[http://inventors.about.com/od/tstartinventions/a/Teddy\\_Bear.htm](http://inventors.about.com/od/tstartinventions/a/Teddy_Bear.htm)**
7. What is the name of the official Office where the President works?  
**Oval Office**
8. Find out at least 3 pieces of information about this Office.
9. What is The West Wing and who works there? **The Offices of the White House and where the Oval Office is located. His staff work there.**
10. There are many famous paintings and works of art at the White House. Research and describe at least 2 of them.

## WEBSITES

[www.bodyguard-books.com](http://www.bodyguard-books.com)

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## ANSWERS & WEBSITES

### ANSWERS

An Atoll is a ring-shaped reef, island or chain of islands formed of coral.

#### Flags



Somali Flag



Maldives Flag



Seychelles Flag

#### Nautical terms – explain what these words mean

Gangway	A passage along either side of ship's upper deck
Crew	All of a ship's personnel except the officers
Bilge	The lowest inner part of the ship's hull
Deck	A platform extending horizontally from one side of the ship to the other
Hatch	An opening on the deck of a ship
Galley	The kitchen of the ship
Stern	The rear part of a ship or boat
Porthole	A small circular window in the side of a ship
Bulkhead	A dividing wall or barrier between separate compartments inside a ship.
Flare	A sudden brief burst of bright flame or light used as a distress signal
Mayday	An international radio distress signal used by ships

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



**Chris Bradford** is a true believer in '*practising what you preach*'. For his award-winning *Young Samurai* series, he trained in samurai swordmanship, karate, ninjutsu and earned his black belt in Zen Kyu Shin Taijutsu.

For his new BODYGUARD series, Chris embarked on an intensive close protection course to become a qualified professional bodyguard. During his training, he acquired skills in unarmed combat, defensive driving, tactical firearms, threat assessments, surveillance, and even anti-ambush exercises.

His best-selling books are published in over 20 languages and have garnered more than 30 children's book award nominations, (including Carnegie Medal and the Red House Children's Book Award) and won the Northern Ireland Book Award 2011, The Hampshire Award 2014 and the Brilliant Book Award 2014.

Before becoming a full-time author, he was a professional musician (who once performed for HRH Queen Elizabeth II), songwriter and music teacher.

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