Ernest Hemingway: *The Old Man and the Sea* (1936)

1. Observe this book cover and guess what this novel is about.

   *I suppose this novel is about…*

   Now check with the help of another book cover.

2. Read the first four pages and find out:
   - Where the story takes place.
   - Who the characters are (name / age / occupation / physical appearance)

3. What do you understand about:
   - The relationship between the two main characters?
   - The main character’s personality? (pick out some relevant words)
   - The reason why the other fishermen “made fun of” the main character, or “looked at him and were sad” (p.10, l.13…)

4. “*Tomorrow is going to be a good day with this current*, he said.
   What are the main character’s hopes?

Compétence visée:

- CE : Comprendre un texte littéraire contemporain en prose (B2)