

Year 6 Literacy Homework

Due in Friday 16th November 2018

Below in the next entry in the diary of Lauren, whose extract we read on Tuesday. Read her entry and answer the comprehension questions on the following page. Remember to write in full sentences!

Friday 23rd September 1940

Dear Diary,

Well... somebody picked me... and I wasn't even last! Though I'm afraid the good news stops there.

When we arrived at Penzance, we had to walk with our cases and gas masks and all of our other belongings down a lane to a large village hall. There, we had to line up and wait until somebody chose us. I watched all the grown-ups enter and immediately decided on the ones I wanted to pick me. They were a handsome looking young couple with big smiles on their faces and they seemed genuinely excited about taking home a little child. You won't honestly believe this diary but they took home smelly Jimbo Hargreaves! My heart sank into my stomach. I guess they must have wanted a dirty little boy to destroy their home!

I got chosen not long after by quite an old, but admittedly very kind looking lady, who told me to call her Granny Fisher. We walked through the village all the way to the giant house at the top of the hill and I thought 'Wow - haven't I done well here?!' It really is ginormous - the size of my school back in London! It's beautiful too. All the floors are polished wood, giant gold-framed portraits hang on the walls and all the curtains and seats are covered in plush red velvet.

However it turned out that Granny Fisher is simply the house maid and I got taken to meet the man who actually owns the house and he wouldn't even look at me. His name is Mr Grant and I think he is miserable and sour because his son has been sent off to fight and he never writes to him. I think maybe he's worried that he won't come back.

Anyway, he won't talk to me and all he likes me to do is sit and read silently. You know I love to read diary, but no one can possibly do it as much as he'd like me to. I suppose I don't do any reading at school so I should sometimes. If you can even call it school! All of us evacuees have to return to the church hall each day where we get taught by the local reverend. He's very kind but utterly hopeless at controlling those raucous boys so we never do any learning.

I'm wondering when I'll be allowed to go home. I shan't be able to stay here for very long, otherwise I might lose my voice from lack of speaking! Perhaps I'll go and find Granny Fisher and she might talk to me.

So long diary,

Lauren

1. Where did Lauren and the other children go to be billeted?
2. Who is Lauren chosen by?
3. Why does Lauren think that Mr Grant is so miserable?
4. What does Mr Grant like Lauren to do during the day?
5. Where does Lauren go to school?
6. Why is Lauren so shocked that Jimbo Hargreaves was chosen before her?
7. How was Lauren feeling when she first saw her billet?
8. What do you think Lauren's opinion of her schooling is?
9. What kind of person do you think Lauren is? Support your opinion with evidence.
10. What effect does the opening sentence have on the rest of the text?