

Year 6 Core English Tasks 8/6/20

Focus Theme: The Home Front

This week focuses on exploring what life was like for people in Britain during World War Two.



Task 1

- Listen to the radio announcement that told the people of Britain that their country was at war with Germany.
- Jot down how you think people felt when they heard this for the first time. (*Please note: most families did not have television at this time so listening to the radio was how they would have found out the news.*)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-world-war-2-clips-the-declaration-of-war/z4qn6v4>

- Now watch the opening scene from *Goodnight Mr Tom* (**from 0:00 – 2:34mins**). As you are watching, look at the different types of people who are sat in the church (families with children, an RAF officer and his wife, elderly couples etc.) and think about how they are feeling. Write down words and phrases that could describe this scene.

Please note PG certificate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7j8awfdvxaw>

- Now use a thesaurus or www.wordhippo.com to improve your vocabulary. For example, 'a lady holding her husband's hand' may become 'an anxious wife clutching her husband's hand'.

<https://www.wordhippo.com/>

- Using the words and phrases you have gathered, select one from the following written outcomes:
 1. Write a free-verse poem (there are no rules for this type of poetry) to depict the scene you have watched;

Or

2. Write a short narrative piece based on the scene.

Task 2

- Read the opening (up to the end of page 5) of *Goodnight Mister Tom* by Michelle Magorian. Use Wordhippo.com to help with any words you are unsure of. *Some of you will have read this before.*

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/book/11395/Goodnight-Mister-Tom-by-Michelle-Magorian.html>

- Based on what you have read, draw a picture of what you think the two main Character described – Mr Thomas 'Tom' Oakley and William 'Willie' Beech, look like. Around the pictures you have drawn, label words and phrases taken from the text.
- Now watch the opening (3:40 mins – 9.24 mins) to the film *Goodnight Mister Tom* (PG Certificate) here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7j8awfdvxaw>

- Compare the opening of the film to the opening of the book. What are the similarities and differences between the two? Write these down.
- Which opening to the story do you prefer – book or film? Write down your preference and the reasons for your choice.

