

ENGLISH WRITING LESSON – 18.6.20

ROBERT'S DIARY



Think about what has happened to Robert in this Chapter:

- Lily woke him to tell him the men had appeared outside the shop
- Lily asked him to help her 'get away' but they said that she should stay
- The clocks had stopped and Robert said it was a bad omen: "when the clocks go silent, death is near".
- The men broke into the workshop
- The men shoot Thaddeus
- Thaddeus tells Robert to 'get away'
- Lily grabbed some tools (screwdriver & hacksaw)
- The men set fire to the shop
- Lily, Robert and Malkin escaped through the skylight
- Robert didn't want to leave but the smoke started to choke him and Lily persuaded him that it was the right thing to do
- Robert coughed up black mucus and felt empty that his 'Da' had gone
- Robert let out a spine-tingling scream and blamed Lily for the fact that his da was dead.
- They managed to escape from the men who were chasing them.

How do you think Robert was feeling?

We are given lots of clues about this in Chapter 14, with lots of descriptions to explain the emotions he is going through.

He feels as if he has lost everything and the only person who he is 'safe' with at the moment is the very person he blames for his da's death.

Your task today is to write a diary entry for Robert at this point of the story.

Make sure you include the events of this Chapter in order to show what he has gone through.

Include your thoughts and feelings (writing as Robert) to show how the break in, the fire, his da's death and the escape have all affected him.

Use the diary writing tips and techniques ideas from our previous lessons to help you.