

Writing Activity 3

Wednesday 13th January 2021

WALT: answer comprehension questions based on the Street Child text.

Your Task:

Read through the extracts taken from the Street Child book and answer the questions.

1. Read through the extract:

They came at last to a massive stone building with iron railings round it. Weary people slouched there, begging for food. The boy stopped the cart outside the huge iron gates and pulled the bell. Jim could hear it clanging in the distance. At last the gates were pulled open by a porter who glared out at them, his lantern held up high.

A) What is your first impression of the workhouse? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

B) What do you think life will be like for Jim when he is living in the workhouse? (Explain your answer)

2. Read through the extract:

There were hundreds and hundreds of people in the room, all sitting at long tables, all eating in silence. The only sound was the scraping of the knives and forks and the noise of chewing and gulping. All the benches faced the same way. Mr Sissons stood on a raised box at the end of the room, watching everyone as they waited for food.

A) Why do you think everyone was eating in silence?

B) What is your first impression of Mr Sissons? What do you think his character will be like throughout the book?
