



MR THOMAS' DAY

Pupil notes

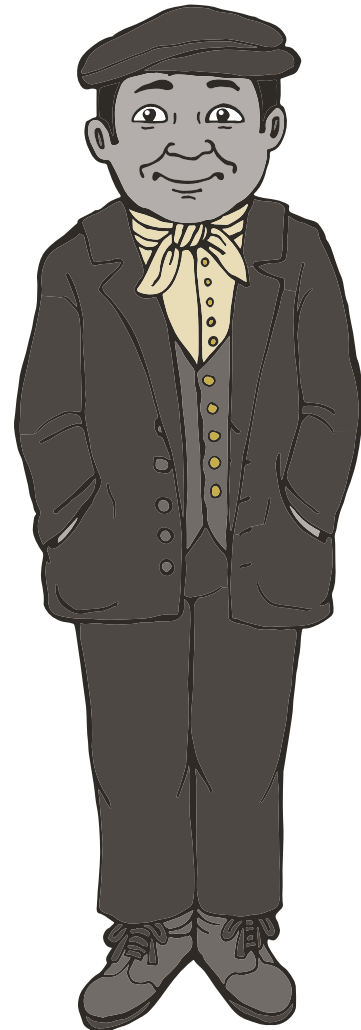
Mr Thomas has worked in Bertie mine since he moved to Hopkinstown with his wife and three children in 1926.

Mr Thomas was once a farm labourer and lived on the hills near Brecon. He is strong and hard-working but he still needs equipment and protection to carry out his job mining the coal seams.

We are going to investigate what Mr Thomas' Day was like and at the end, decide on the following things:

What equipment did he need? How did the equipment help him to get his job done? How did the equipment help to keep him safe?

You can add your thoughts to the discussion at the end.



In your group, take a closer look at the object in front of you. Is it a real or a replica object?

Therefore, it is also a **PRIMARY** **SECONDARY** clue about the past.

With your group, can you answer the following questions, by making some notes below:

Where would you find it/where do you think it was kept?

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How do you think it was made?

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What does it feel like? (Describe)

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Smell like? (Describe)

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Look like? (Describe)

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What else might you need here with you today to understand this object better?

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So, what do you think the object is used for? Does it tell us anything about Mr Thomas' work?

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Is there something you would take underground to make you feel safe?

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