

'Carrie's War' Comprehension

Use the text to help you answer the questions below.



If you see a light bulb next to the question, you will need to think about your own thoughts or opinions, based on what you have read.

1. How old is Carrie in her dreams?

Twelve



2. How do you think the children felt during the war when they had to leave their homes and families?

Appropriate answers, e.g. The children in WW2 must have felt scared leaving their families and worried about what their new homes were going to be like.



3. How is the train that is described on p.3 different from trains today?

The train on p.3 is a steam train. They travelled slowly around the bend and the driver would get out and shoo the sheep out of the way. Sometimes the passengers would get out to stretch their legs and pick blackberries. Today trains are on an electrified line and they only stop at stations.

4. How does the reader know the area is very quiet?

There wasn't the noise of cars, aeroplanes or even a tractor. There was only the sound of pigeons and sheep.

5. What is a legend?

A legend is an old story that has been told through the ages.

6. Which simile is used to describe Carrie's face on p.6?

Like an old handkerchief

7. What was supposed to happen to the skull if it was removed from the house?

It would scream if it was removed


8. Why does Carrie's voice sound 'flat and dull' at the bottom of p.8?

It was as if she had known the house would be in ruins, but had hoped for a different outcome.



9. How does the oldest boy try to reassure his mother on p.10?

He tells that it won't take long to get back and that a nice cup of tea will make her feel better.

 10. Why do you think the oldest boy wished his dad were there?

Appropriate answers, e.g. He probably feels very responsible for looking after his mother now that their father has died, as he is the eldest child. He probably wished his father were there, as he'd know how to make his mother feel better.

