

Humanities: Grace Darling

Each week there will be a short task linked to the following video or some research that you have completed. Enjoy and happy writing...

Week 1



Watch the following clip:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/true-stories-grace-darling/z4y7pg8>

Grace Darling tells the story of her life, and it describes the night she and her father rowed out in their tiny boat to save nine sailors.

- This video is told in the first person, and brought to life with a mix of drama, movement, music and animation.
- You will see Grace growing up in the lighthouse, and the night the storm breaks.
- You will see that Grace spots people in the waves and her determination to try and save them as she rows out into the storm with her father to try to rescue them.
- By the time they returned to the lighthouse, they had saved nine souls who would otherwise have perished.
- This was an extraordinary act of bravery that made Grace famous.
- The following clip is from the series True Stories.

Things to think about or questions to ask your children following the video clip:

How different it must have been for Grace living in a lighthouse compared to a house?

What would have been the good things about living in a lighthouse, and what have been the not so good things?

After rescuing the people from the storm, Grace says that 'perhaps she was brave.' Do you think she was brave?

Did she deserve all the attention from newspapers and painters?

Do they agree with Grace that the attention and fame was because she was a girl?

Lesson 2 - Week 2



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/tr>

Recap details about Grace Darling or re-watch the video clip from the previous week. Complete this set of comprehension questions – these could be written or completed as a video or recording.

- Who was Grace Darling?
- What was Grace Darling's everyday life like?
- What did Grace Darling do to make her famous?
- How did Grace Darling become famous?
- Why do we remember Grace Darling?
- What can we learn from Grace Darling's example?

Lesson 3- Week 3

This week we would like you to try to write some interview questions to ask Grace Darling. Start by recapping what you already know about Grace Darling or re-watching the original video clip if needed. Have your child pretend that they are a newspaper journalist or a news broadcaster, their task is to come up with five questions that they could ask Grace Darling. As a follow up you could become Grace Darling and let your child interview you, using the questions that they have prepared earlier.

Lesson 4 - Week 4

This week's task is a research task, what else can you find out about Grace Darling? Can you find another 10 facts about Grace Darling? Have the children record their findings ready for next weeks task. You can record these as creatively as you would like.

Here is an example of some bullet points:

- Grace Horsley Darling (24 November 1815 – 20 October 1842) was an English lighthouse keeper's daughter.
- Born: 24 November 1815, Bamburgh
- Died: 20 October 1842
- Sibling: William Brooks Darling
- She became famous for her participation in the rescue of survivors from the shipwrecked Forfarshire in 1838.

Lesson 5 - Week 5

This week's task is a follow on from the previous weeks task. This week we would like you to create a fact file about Grace Darling. You can use the video clip and your research to help you complete this task. You can be as creative as you like in the recording of your fact file. When they are completed, we cannot wait to see them. They can be posted on the West Jesmond Facebook page.