



Year 8 'Private Peaceful' Knowledge Organiser

PLOT

It is about a fictional young soldier called Thomas "Tommo" Peaceful, who is looking back on his life so far and his going to war. The story focusses on the harsh realities of English rural life and warfare, and highlights the British Army's practice of executing its own soldiers during the First World War.

TEACHING OUTCOMES

- Making predictions - a pre-reading exercise exploring the book's title, cover and blurb
- Researching the social and historical context of Private Peaceful - World War One, trench warfare, weapons, gas attacks, uniform, propaganda
- Activities to develop knowledge and understanding of the plot - timeline and close passage
- Analysis of key characters
- Exploration of the themes of Private Peaceful - war, love, friendship, family, bravery, etc
- Developing awareness of the features of a novel - character, theme, plot, style and language
- Creating character acrostics
- Independent, pair and group activities
- Letter writing (empathetic writing) to develop a deeper understanding of character
- Report writing in character
- Mind mapping the key themes and issues of Private Peaceful



Themes

War
Loss
Blame
Bullying
Love
Loyalty
Bravery & Cowardice
Injustice & Justice

Key Characters

Tommo Peaceful: Tommo Peaceful is the protagonist of the story

Charlie Peaceful: Charlie Peaceful is the older brother of Tommo. He has always been more confident of the two and is always a role model for Tommo.

Molly: Molly is the wife of Charlie.