

UVHS Learning Through Enrichment



Historical Fiction Writing

Chose a specific event, period or individual as a focus and create a story around it. It is often helpful if it is linked to a topic or period that you have studying. Remember to ensure your history is really accurate.

Helpful Hints!

Use historical description, terminology and vocabulary to build up the sense of period hopefully bringing a three dimensional feel for the topic – through describing the setting, colours, smells, sounds, noises, food and so on.

Why not look for a more unusual setting rather than opting for World War II or the Tudors. Could you make an ancient civilisation come to life?

Remember the techniques of good story-writing – building a strong central character, creating empathy with the reader, using descriptive adjectives. One's aim should be for the reader always to want to know what happens next.

Humour is often useful, as is adding dilemmas, different viewpoints or tension. It can all help add colour.

More information and examples from previous years can be found:

<https://www.history.org.uk/secondary/categories/531/news/3451/write-your-own-historical-fiction-competition-2022>



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