

NB this also relates to objective 11: autobiography and the difference between fact and opinion.

Aims

To develop skills of autobiographical writing in role, adopting the distinctive voice of a historical character.

Resources

- ❖ Kids' Castle website: <http://www.kidsonthenet.com/castle>. Click on Lucy's Tower. Also explore the rest of Kids' Castle to get more information on life in castle times.
- ❖ A [downloadable activity sheet](#) (Word).

Introduction

This is based on a tower in Kids' Castle. Lady Sherwood's niece, Lucy, keeps a diary of her life in the castle. There is information regarding one of the real historical characters on which a diary entry may be based. There is a [downloadable activity sheet](#) (Word).

Activities and points for discussion

- ❖ Have any of the children visited a castle?
- ❖ Explore the Kids' Castle website, to get a feel for the other types of characters available
- ❖ Read other diary entries on the website sent in by children from other schools.
- ❖ Discuss:
 - the difference between biography and autobiography
 - writing in the first person
 - distinguishing between fact and opinion
 - composing a biographical account based on research
- ❖ Use the [downloadable activity sheet](#).
http://www.kidsonthenet.com/teachers/downloads/Y6t1obj14diaries_as.doc
- ❖ Research some of the vocabulary on the sheet for authentic detail.
- ❖ Children can submit a diary entry entitled, 'Imagine a day living in a castle', using the web form. Go to <http://www.kidsonthenet.com/castle> and in Lucy's Tower click on the shield with quill and brush.

Follow Up

- ❖ Research famous diarists: Samuel Pepys, Anne Frank, Captain Scott etc
- ❖ Extracts from diaries can be found at the following websites:

- Anne Frank
 - <http://www.sis.port.ac.uk/~kingtr/cal97/sb/anne2.htm>
 - http://www.annefrank.com/site/af_life/2_life_exrpt/2_life_diary.htm
 - http://www.annefrank.nl/eng/diary/textdagboek/textDB3_1.html
- Adrian Mole
 - <http://www.learn.co.uk/default.asp?WCI=Unit&WCU=488>
- Samuel Pepys (Project Gutenberg etext)
 - <http://www.annefrank.eril.net/resources/pepys10.txt>
- John Evelyn (night the Great Fire started)
 - http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/sceptred_isle/page/73.shtml?question=73

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