

## Evacuation in the Second World War Task Sheet

Using the Information and Source Sheets you will be provided along with your knowledge of this period of history, answer the following questions. Answer each question using **full sentences**.

1. When the Second World War began in 1939 the British government was very worried about the threat that existed from German bombers. Describe how this fear had developed and the way the government reacted to protect the children and young people who lived in the cities of Britain.
2. The young girl who came back from Egypt had missed the early months of the War in England and the first wave of evacuations of September 1939. Why was a further wave of evacuations thought to be necessary by the government in 1940 and why was the town the girl was living in thought to be in danger?
3. By reading all the sources you will discover that children reacted in different ways to the experience of evacuation. Can you explain why there might have been different emotions to the experience of evacuation?
4. Source A and Source K both suggest that parents took their children home long before the war ended and even before the bombing of the cities began. Can you explain why you think they took their children back to where they may have been in danger?
5. Dorset was one of the counties considered to be a safe area. Explain why Dorchester, Sherborne or Blandford would be seen as safer places than London, Birmingham or even Chatham where the young girl lived. Weymouth in 1940 however, was not seen as being so safe. Can you explain why people thought this?
6. In Source E you see a young miner eating his lunch. He is fourteen years old. Why were people allowed to work at that age in places that were very dangerous?
7. From Sources A, C and D you will know that young children who were evacuated had labels tied to them. Make a list of the information that would have to have been written on those labels and explain why the labels were written?
8. Source L shows a train full of German children being evacuated from Berlin. There is even a band playing on the platform. Can you explain why the Germans are evacuating their children when in 1940 Germany was 'winning' the war and why the picture appears to show a scene of celebration?



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