

Questions and Tasks for Evacuation Source Sheets

These questions and tasks can be answered and completed using the Documents from the Public Record Office. Where required answer the questions in FULL sentences.

Using Source Sheet 1 (The Evacuation Memorandum) answer Questions 1a to 1c:

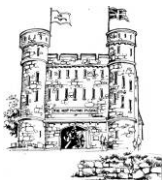
- 1a. Why did the British government want children living in cities and towns to leave their homes when war started?
- 1b. Who else was going to be evacuated apart from children?
- 1c. The only luggage allowed to each child was a small rucksack which had to be carried. Make a list the contents of the child's rucksack or suitcase

Using Source Sheet 2 (The Report on the 1939 Evacuation) answer Questions 2a to 2d:

- 2a. What were entraining stations?
- 2b. How many days did the main evacuation take?
- 2c. How many disabled and nursery children traveled on the first day of evacuation from London?
- 2d. Why were there delays?

Using Source Sheet 3 (The Broadcast Extracts) answer Questions 3a to 3d:

- 3a. What did the government expect to happen to Britain soon after this radio broadcast?
- 3b. What sort of towns in east and south east Britain do you think were going to be asked to register their children for immediate evacuation?
- 3c. What was the government policy on organised evacuation at the time of this broadcast?
- 3d. Why do you think the government made these evacuation plans? Do you think they were necessary? Do you think the plans were sensible?



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Using Source Sheet 4 (The Evacuation Time-table) answer Questions 4a to 4j:

4a Which east coast town evacuated the highest number of children on Sunday 2 June 1940?

4b Which children had the longest train journey on 2 June 1940?

Those travelling from _____ to _____.

How long did this journey last?

4c Which train from which town carried the most children?

The _____ train from _____.

Which town did it arrive at and when?

Which county in England is this town?

4d How many children were evacuated from Harwich in total?

4e How many Children from the East Coast stayed at Kidderminster?

4f In which county will you find the towns of Harwich, Clacton and Frinton?

4g From you knowledge of events of World War Two describe what was happening in France at this particular time - 2 June 1940.

4h Why did the government ask parents in these towns to evacuate their children at this particular time? (You should look back at Source 3 and the answer to Q4g to find the answer)

4j There were it seems huge numbers of children being moved from the towns of Eastern England. But how many children would need to be evacuated from **your** town if it was threatened by bombing?

Make a list of how many children have been in the schools you have been taught in - that includes First and Middle and/or Primary schools and the school you are in now. If **all** these children had to be evacuated how many children in total would that be?

Using Source 4 as a guide, make a table to show how you would organise the evacuation of the children at the schools you have been in to Wrexham in North Wales.



Using Source Sheet 5 (The leaflet for householders) answer Questions 5a to 5c:

- 5a** How much were people paid each week to look after an evacuated child?
How much is this in today's money?
- 5b** Who provided bedding and clothes for the children who were evacuated?
- 5c** It was important children attended school. How was this organised in the areas where children were evacuated to?

Using Source Sheet 6 (the Simple rules) answer Questions 6a to 6ed

- 6a** How many meals a day were recommended for the children who had been evacuated?
- 6b** What was not recommended immediately after a meal? Do you know why?
- 6c** What was the maximum period of time given between baths?
- 6d** How many hours sleep was recommended for the children?
- 6e** What did the people looking after the children who had been evacuated have to be aware of and were carefully for?

Using Source Sheet 7 (The Suggested Menu) answer Questions 7a to 7e:

- 7a** Read the list of meals on the sheet. Make a list of the foods in the recommended diet have you never eaten.
- 7b** Dripping is suggested as being used instead of butter at breakfast. It is not something many of us would eat today. Describe what dripping is.
- 7c** Look back at Source 5. Where would most of the older children be given lunch?
- 7d** Using your knowledge of events in World War Two describe what was happening at sea which would have made having fresh oranges to eat a great more difficult than it is today.
- 7e** Explain why you think people were given leaflets like this. Do you think it is a helpful leaflet?

