

Lockdown Challenges

Writing Competition

'You can make anything by writing.'

C S Lewis

We are all finding life very different at the moment: many parents aren't able to work or are working at home; families are stuck in the house together or isolated from each other; children of all ages are unable to attend school.

Things also change for everyone during war, not only those fighting. During WW1 and WW2, for example, adults and children found their day-to-day life altered in many ways.



A child-size gas mask is one of the very few items on display in the museum reflecting these changes.



The challenge this week is to research what life was like for children during either WW1 or WW2 then write a story or a diary based on what you find out. You can make it first- or third-person and you can base it on one individual child or use the experiences of several to create your fictional persona.

Think about using descriptive language and the five senses to show your readers what life was like. Aim for about 500-1000 words then either post it to us at The Keep or email it to deputycurator@keepmilitarymuseum.org.

This competition will run until the end of May. There will be two categories - Under 10 and 11-14 - and the winner of both, as with the model competition, will receive a family visit to The Keep when we reopen along with tea in the Library.