

Free Writing - The old railroad



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Are there any new words in this text?

Find out what they mean and then try to use them in your writing.

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Question time!

Discuss or make notes:

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What stories have their fathers told them?

Who is sitting around the campfire?

Why are they out in the woods?

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What could we write?

A warning story about this railroad.

A journey story on board the train.

A newspaper article about the events of February 18th 2022.

A diary entry from one of the campers.

One of the father's stories.

A conquer the monster story set here.

Good luck! I can't wait to read your writing.

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KEY VOCABULARY:

How could we be resourceful today?

Magpie tree, have a go book, dictionary – spelling, thesaurus – synonyms, feedback and target, washing line.