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Evacuees: Background Research

Online Resources

BBC Primary History: World War 2 –Evacuation

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/world_war2/evacuation/

Historical information, photographs, a quiz, links and original sources – including letters written home by evacuees.

BBC Learning School Radio: World War 2 Audio Clips

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolradio/subjects/history/ww2clips>

Of particular value are clips of children talking about the experience of evacuation.

Imperial War Museums: The Evacuated Children Of The Second World War

<http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/the-evacuated-children-of-the-second-world-war>

A very useful article accompanied by thought-provoking images and photographs.

Liverpool Blitz 70! – The Evacuation of Liverpool

<http://www.liverpoolblitz70.co.uk/2011/01/25/the-evacuation-of-liverpool/>

This website accompanies the citywide commemoration in 2011 of the May Blitz of Liverpool 70 years earlier. As fascinating as the photographs are the recollections, at the bottom of the page, written by former evacuees.

Memories of War: Evacuation in World War Two

http://www.memoriesofwar.org.uk/page_id__292.aspx

A teaching and learning resource, including a Powerpoint presentation, comprehension worksheets and writing activities, designed for primary pupils at Key Stage 2.

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Fiction

Novels

Richmal Crompton, *William and the Evacuees* (1940)

Nina Bawden, *Carrie's War* (1973)

Shirley Hughes, *The Lion and the Unicorn* (1998; for younger readers)

C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (1950)

Michelle Magorian, *Goodnight Mister Tom* (1981)

Plays

Carl Davis (Music) and Hiawyn Oram (Book and Lyrics), *The Vackees* (1987)

Julia Donaldson, *Bombs and Blackberries: A World War Two Play* (2003)

Films

Bedknobs and Broomsticks (1971)

The Evacuees (1975 – an episode of the BBC series *Play for Today*)

Hope and Glory (1987 – certificate 15)

Documentaries

Britons at War (1997)

A five-part documentary made by Channel 4 and aimed especially at primary children. The DVD includes downloadable teaching resources:

<https://shop.channel4learning.com/?page=shop&pid=1643>