

Goodnight Mister Tom

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Goodnight Mr Tom is set during World War II. It is about a boy called William Beech who is evacuated to the countryside where he lives with a man called Thomas Oakley.

Main Characters

William Beech – An evacuee from London. He is 9 years old. Initially he is shy, easily scared and has no confidence. He becomes a happy, brave and confident boy.

Thomas Oakley – Willie's host parent. He is in his 60s. Initially he is grumpy and doesn't want William to live with him. He becomes very fond of Willie and much happier and sociable.

Mrs Beech – Willie's mum. She is cruel and abusive.

Zacharias Wrench – Willie's best friend. He is chatty and confident.

PEAZ paragraph

Point – Your ideas about the text/character etc

Evidence – Quotation to support your point

Analysis – Explain how your quote supports the point you are making

Zoom – Pick a word from your quote to explain in more detail.

Reader – Explain how the reader might respond to this part of the text

P – The writer presents.....

E – For example '.....'

A – This shows/suggests.....

Z – The use of the.....shows/suggests.....

R – The reader might understand/think/feel.....

Context – Why were children evacuated to the countryside?

During WWII many British cities were bombed by German aircraft. It was very dangerous so 3 million children were evacuated to the countryside where it was safer. Parents didn't go with the children and the children didn't know where they were going or who they would be staying with.

Key Vocabulary

Confidence	Controlling
Timid	Hypocrite
Dejected	Abusive
Paternal	Transformed
Sociable	Assured
Adventurous	Talented
Elated	Distraught

Methods

- **Simile** - A comparison made using 'as' or 'like'
- **Metaphor** - Describing something as though it is something else
- **Adverbs** – a word that describe a verb.
- **Verbs** - doing words
- **Adjectives** – describing words
- **Nouns** – naming words
- **Personal pronouns** – words to replace a name 'I', 'he', 'she', 'we', 'they' etc