**School Journal Part: 2, Number 1 - 2006**

**Genre = Article**

**Comprehension (inherent, literal, evaluative (mixed))**

1. Why do some people think that pigeons are pests?
2. Describe what a Homing Pigeon is.
3. How long have pigeons been used to deliver messages?
4. What country was the first to use pigeons to deliver mail using stamps?
5. What was the name of the luxury steamship?
6. Who was Walter Fricker?
7. What was the fastest bird?
8. What city were the pigeons kept in?
9. What was the birds reward?
10. What ended the pigeon mail service?

**Retell - Summarising**

1. Describe all the points that made pigeons a great animal to use for messages.
3. List all the different things that pigeons carried during the first world wars.

**Contents and Cover Pages**

Use the Contents, Cover, Front and Back Inside and Outside pages to answer the following questions...

4. What is the website address for Learning Media?
5. How many pages altogether in this journal?

**Word Study 1**

**Find the words...**

1. 8 letters Pg 18 Notes
2. 5 letters Pg 17 Write on
3. 4 letters Pg 17 Not full
4. 8 letters Pg 19 City
5. 5 letters Pg 18 Thirsty
6. 9 letters Pg 16 Boat
7. 6 letters Pg 15 Humans

**Pictionary/Dictionary**

Write/draw meanings for these words...

8. Ancient
9. Passengers
10. Postmarked
11. Memorial
12. Ariel
13. Luxury

**Word Study 2**

**Use the pictures in the story to find the answers...**

**How Many / What... ? / List**

1. Pigeons in the loft?
2. Stamp blocks?
3. Windows can you see on the shipwreck?
4. List all the colours of the pigeons on page 15.

**Mixed Up Sentence**

Answer to Mixed Up Sentence: Thousands of pigeons have been used to deliver messages.

**Activity**

Using the information and pictures, try and make your own message, with stamps, writing, headings etc so it looks as real as possible as if you were writing one in war times.

**My Assessment**

Give it a mark out of 5 of what you thought of it. Say why.

Boring O.K Very Good

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