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**The Bittern**

**(Story / Article / Play)**

***Let’s Draw***Do your own sketch/drawing/ diagram related to the journal or based on your own experiences.

***Who Am I?***

Choose any one of the characters in the journal and do a mini profile on them. This needs to include as much information about that character that you found in the journal.

***My Thesaurus***

Choose 5 words from the journal and write another word for each word chosen which has a similar meaning. E.g, Hot = Boiling . You may also like to do this as a Pictionary (drawing a picture of the similar meaning of the word).

Readability: 9.5-10.5 years

***Syllables***

Write down 2 words from the journal that have 2 syllables, and 1 word that has more than 2 syllables, E.g, Sometimes=some/timesSituation=sit/u/a/tion

***Chunking***

Write down 3 words from the journal that you can “Chunk” or split, so one word makes two words. E.g, Sometimes = some + times

***Did I Understand?***

*(Comprehension Questions)*

1. What was their sisters name?

2. What did Henare use to be?

3. Describe what a Bittern is.

4. Why did some farmers call Henare useless?

5. Where was the harakeke?

6. Who was DOC?

7. What did DOC ask Dad to do?

8. Why do you think it was a good idea not to drain the farm?

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***Word Study*** Write and/or draw meanings for these words.

1. Ceremony

2. Wetlands

3. Sown

4. Canals

***What’s the Question?***

*(You write the question to the answer given below)*

1. Harakeke

2. The Bittern

3. Logging trucks

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**My Opinion of the Story/Article** Rate the story/article you have just completed. Give at least one full good or bad point/reason of why you say this. This is what YOU thought of it.

***Activities*** *Choose one of the below (or your teacher will tell you which one to do) in relation to the story/article.*

Title Page Cartoon Drawing or similar

Model Wordfind / Crossword

Mini Pictionary Teacher Choice

Mobile/Craft Your Choice

***Picture Cues***

*Find the answers to these questions using the pictures in the story/article.*

1. How many people on page 15?

2. How many people from the family wear glasses?

3. What colour was the car?

4. How many cameras were there?

***Odd 1 Out***

*Which is the odd one out which was not in or related to the story/article?*

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Wetlands

Feathers

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Bittern

Averies

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