

Key stage 2 exercise 2

Pupil A – Piece A: a letter written in role

Context: following a study of The Edwardians and the sinking of the Titanic, pupils read the back story 'The Joining of the pair' about 2 women who met and travelled together on the ship. They were then asked to write a letter from the viewpoint of a character who planned to sail on the maiden voyage to a relative already in America.

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My darling Edward,

I am writing to inform you what I have recently up to. How are you my dear? Pray, you are okay and happy. I hope your job, working at the cotton mill, is definitely not pressurising you. It would hurt your mother's ears to hear that. Oh my Edward, I wish that you are having a rather pleasant time in America. It is such a tranquil place, where the lemony sun hangs itself in the clear blue sky, where harmony and happiness lives. Edward thank you for your previous letters. I keep the abundance on a golden tray. I always read them in my spare time.

For seventeen weeks, I have been reading a book called The Lost World. It is such a fabulous book. I recommend it highly to you. This one of a kind book is full of adventure and discovery. Tomorrow, I will finish it.

I have also been sewing a pillow case and it is truly marvellous. It is dark blue and light blue, your favourite colours as a child. Remember when all you asked for was blue blankets, suits and lots of others? It is embroidered with a pink blue thread on the edges. I will let you fill it with your finest cotton.

Edward, after many days of thinking and wondering, I have decided to buy a first class ticket to America to stay with you for a while. I need to spend time with you, love. Edward my dear, I know you are working very hard and I am extremely proud to be your mother. I am boarding Titanic and arriving in America on the twelfth of April. I will send you more detail another day.

All my love,
Mother

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