

WWII Diary Entry

Imagine you are a Y5/6 pupil in 1939. It's the 3rd of September - you're about to start the new year at school after the summer holidays - your school bag is packed, your uniform ready.

But then you are called in to the front room at home to listen to the 'wireless' (radio) to hear an announcement from the Prime Minister - war has been declared with Germany!

That evening, before you go to sleep, you write in your diary.

How were you feeling that morning, before the announcement? What were you looking forward to?

How did you feel after listening to the announcement? What questions do you have? What did your family say?

Here are some reminders about writing a diary entry:

Did I...

include the date and/or time that the entry was written?



write in the first person?

use past tense for the main events?



tell events in chronological order?

include personal emotions and feelings?



use paragraphs to organise my writing (including an introduction and conclusion)?

use an informal style?

use time conjunctions and adverbials?

