



EPISODE CLIP: 1,000 GOOD DEEDS

ACTIVITY 1: ESTABLISHING TIME AND PLACE

Discover

- Before viewing the clip, explain to students that this is the opening scene of the episode. As a class, discuss the purpose of the opening scene in a film text, or the opening chapter or paragraphs in a novel or short story. What does the storyteller as filmmaker, or author, usually do at the beginning of their story?
- Make a list of key elements that students see as important in setting the scene at the beginning of a story. They could include character introductions, location, time, and objects of significance to the story. Encourage students to give examples from familiar texts where possible.

Reflect

- Brainstorm a class list of ways a filmmaker might provide information to the viewer, including camera, dialogue, acting, costumes, lighting, props and location. Explain to students that the activity focus is not on the characters and the overall story, but on how the filmmaker has created the time of day, era or historical period, and the setting or place for the story.

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- Student Activity Sheet E12.1: The opening scene



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ACTIVITY 2: EDUCATING BOYS

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- Rowley and Tom Müller are watching the college students practise marching with wooden rifles. They discuss the amount of money it costs to send boys to a college school and what they get for their money, for example, cricket equipment.
- As a class discuss the difference in education systems in 1898 and today. What opportunities for education existed then? Were there advantages in attending a private school? Who attended these schools? View the clip and discuss the type of education available to Rowley and Tom. Also research how girls of that era were educated and what subjects they were taught.

Reflect

- Ask students to research statistics on children's education in 1898 and compare this data to today's statistics. They should examine the number of children educated, and their age, gender and school level reached, among other facts. Findings can be presented as a number of graphs comparing data. Students could interpret these graphs in a report on 'The state of schooling today compared with 1898'.

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- Student Activity Sheet E12.2: The state of education



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ACTIVITY 3: PRACTISING FOR WAR

Discover

- In this clip, the college students are marching to practice for real wars. At this time the British Empire was involved in numerous conflicts around the world, particularly in Africa, the South Pacific and South America.
- At the start of the Boer War (1899–1902), the Australian colonies offered troops as part of the British Empire contingent. Of the 16,000 Australians who served in the Boer War, 282 died in action or from wounds sustained in battle, 286 died from disease and another 38 died of accidents or other unknown causes. Six Australians received the Victoria Cross in South Africa and many others were decorated.
- A good source of information is the Australian War Memorial website, <http://www.awm.gov.au/atwar/boer.asp>

Reflect

- Look at the reasons for the Boer War and, as a class, discuss why Australians still believed they were more British than Australian at the time. Research some of the known identities, such as Breaker Morant and Captain Howse, who fought in this war.
- Ask students to write a short biography for a known or unknown soldier who fought in the Boer War. The story of this soldier should start from the practice march of the college students on the day that Rowley spied on them.

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- Student Activity Sheet E12.3: War heroes

The opening scene

- 1 What does the storyteller as filmmaker, or author, usually do at the beginning of their story?

- 2 List the key elements to setting the scene at the beginning of a story, for example, introducing characters, location, time, and objects.

- 3 List five ways a filmmaker might provide information to the viewer.

The state of education

- 1 Conduct some research of statistical data on children's education in 1898 and compare it with today's statistics. You should examine the number of children educated, and their age, gender and school level reached, among other facts. Government websites may assist your collection of data.
- 2 Present your findings about education as a number of graphs comparing data.



- 3 Interpret these graphs in a report on 'The state of schooling today compared with 1898.'

War heroes

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1 Who was Breaker Morant?

2 Who was Captain Howse?

3 Write a short biography for a known or unknown soldier who fought in the Boer War. The story of this soldier should start from the practice march of the college students on the day that Rowley spied on them.
