

History Hackers: Victorian Venture

Chapter 1: Charlie's Dare

Read Chapter 1 (p1-12) and answer the following questions.

1. What are the names and relationship of the two main characters? (p1)
2. Why were the children hiding? (p2)
3. Where does the opening scene take place? (p4)
4. Who did all the items belong to? (p4)
5. Which period of history have the characters visited previously? (p9)
6. How do the characters feel about the suggestion of going back in time? (p9)
7. What do the small fabric bags on the cork board contain? (p9)
8. What do the 'gates' or 'doorways' enable the children to do? (p10)
9. In which city is the story set? (p10)
10. Write the similes used on p2, p5, p6 and p7.

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Chapter 1 After Reading

Metalinguistics Task

- Use the sentences from the book below to work out what the words in red mean.
- Write what you think they mean first, then look at the actual definition in a dictionary or online.

Word	What I think it means	Definition
"He <i>weaved</i> his way through a collection of swords" (p2)		
"Tilda blew out a sigh of <i>exasperation</i> " (p2)		
"What had previously been a <i>redundant</i> room, filled with dust..." (p3)		
"Her father heaved a box onto a <i>precarious</i> -looking stack" (p3)		
"It had been collected by the <i>reclusive</i> Professor Howe" (p4)		
"He wrote some of the most <i>enduring</i> books" (p5)		
"portraits and <i>ornate</i> shields hanging from the wall" (p6)		
"The two children had been <i>sceptical</i> at first, neither believing that time travel was possible" (p11)		