

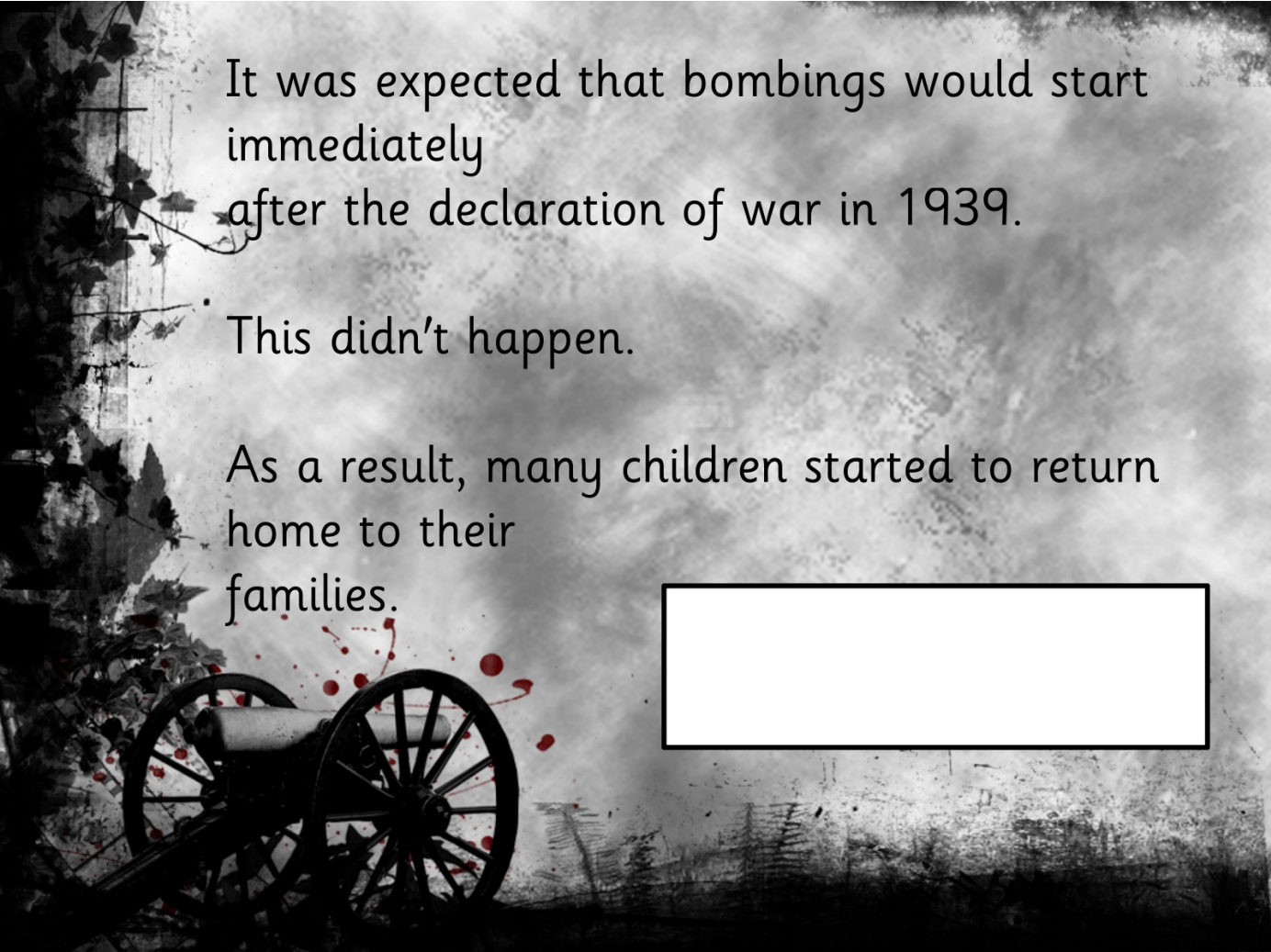


Lesson 1:

Reading and analysing
the letter from Ernest
Brown

Evacuation Issues



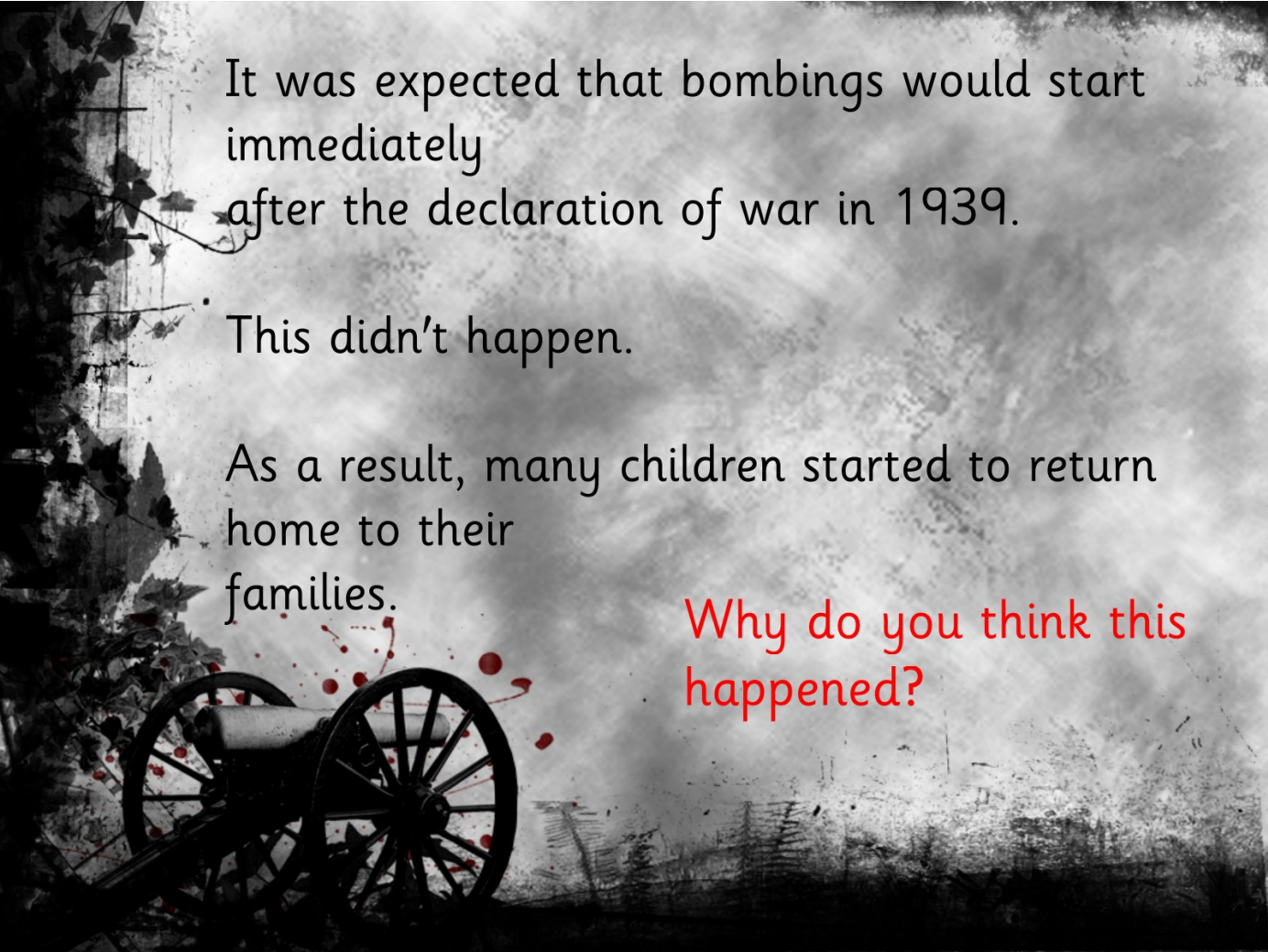


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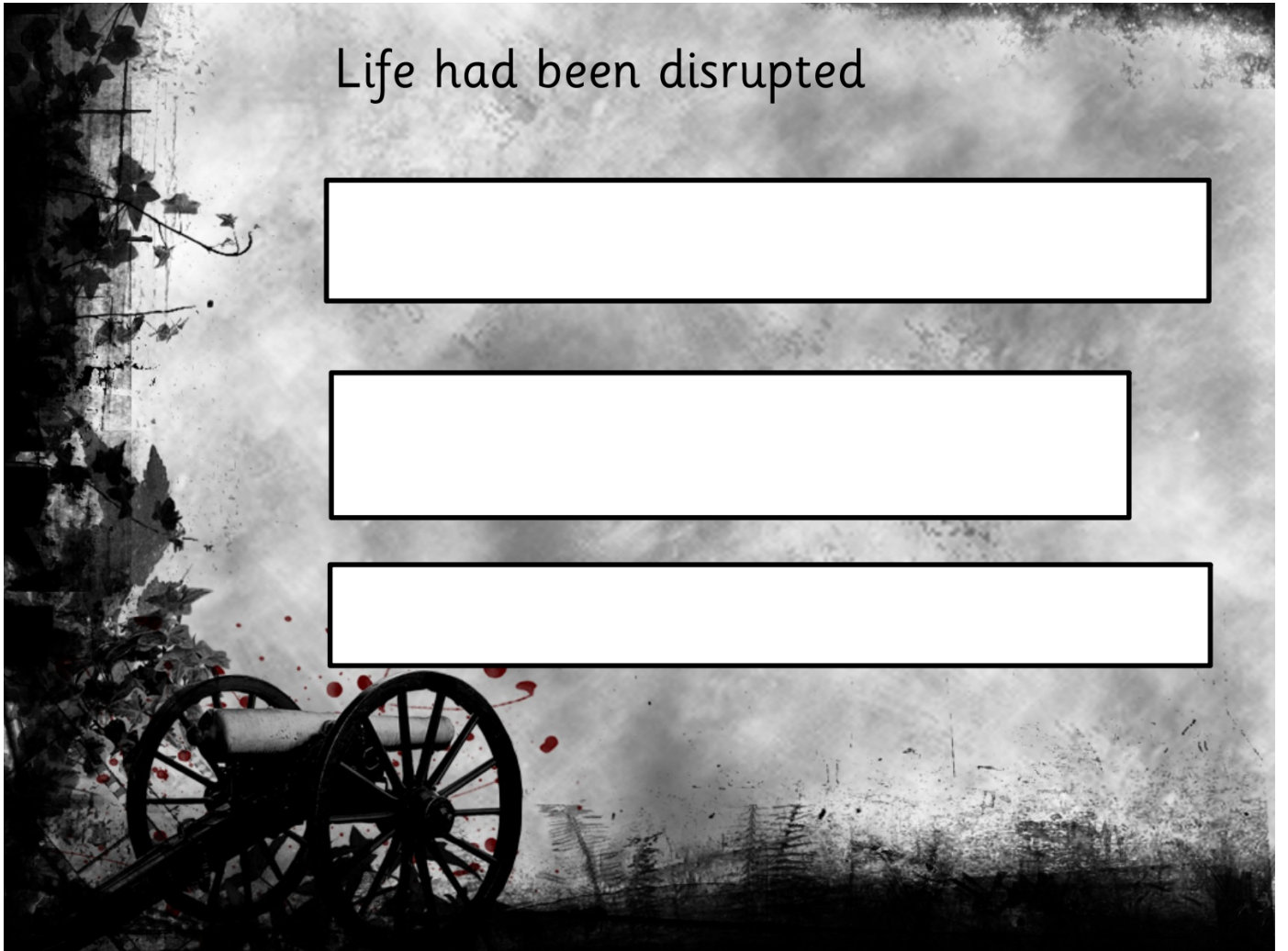
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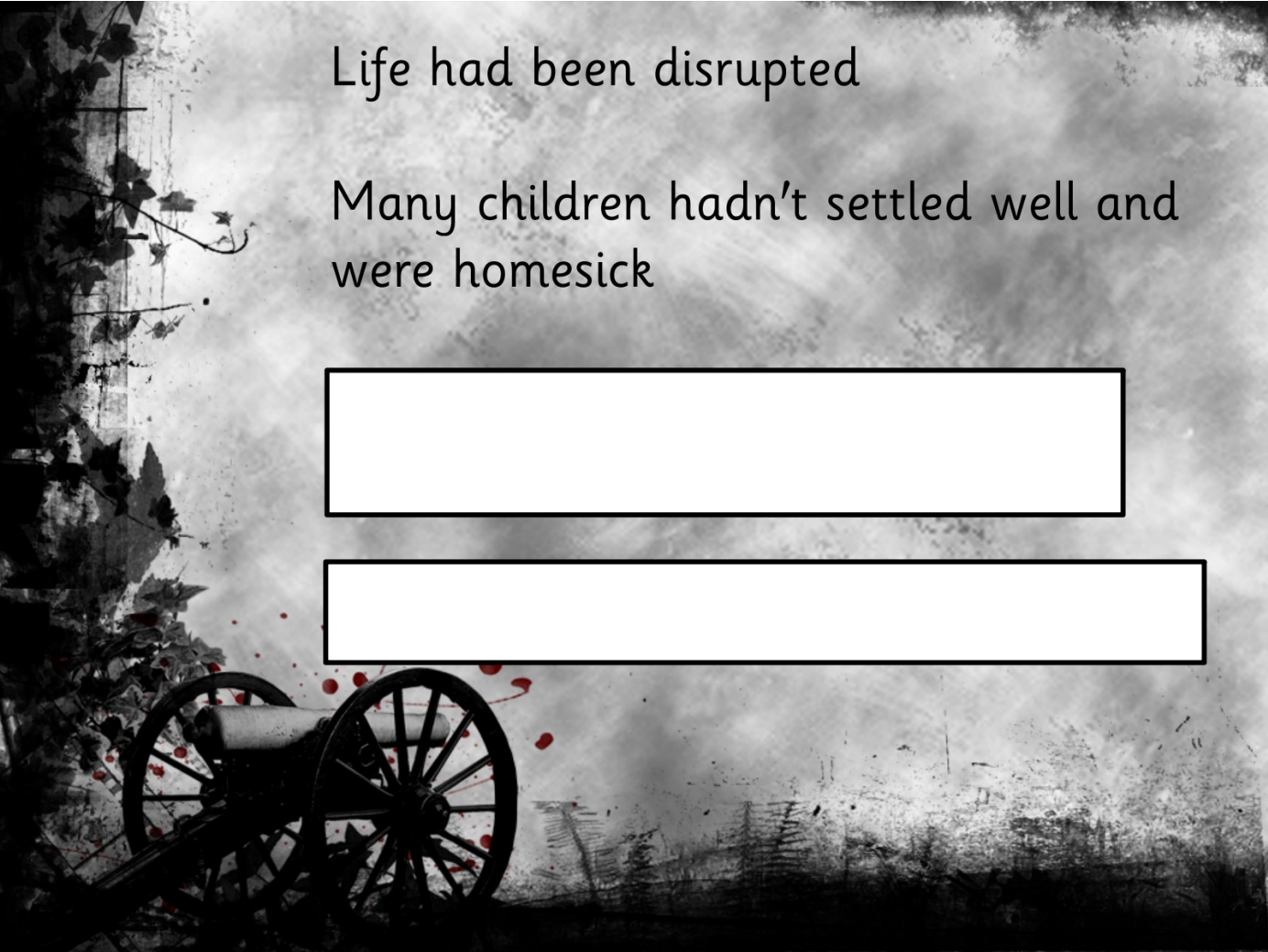
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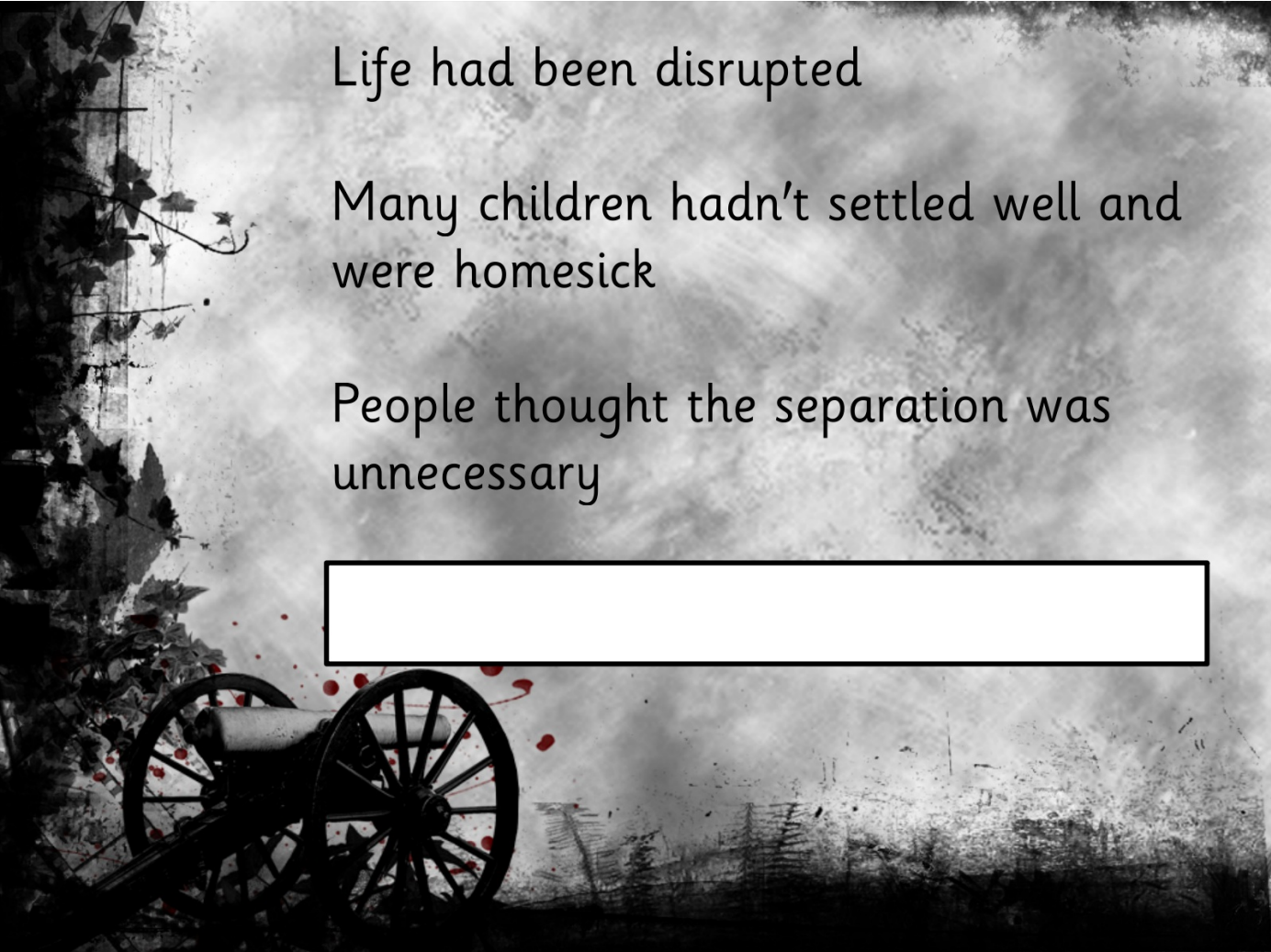
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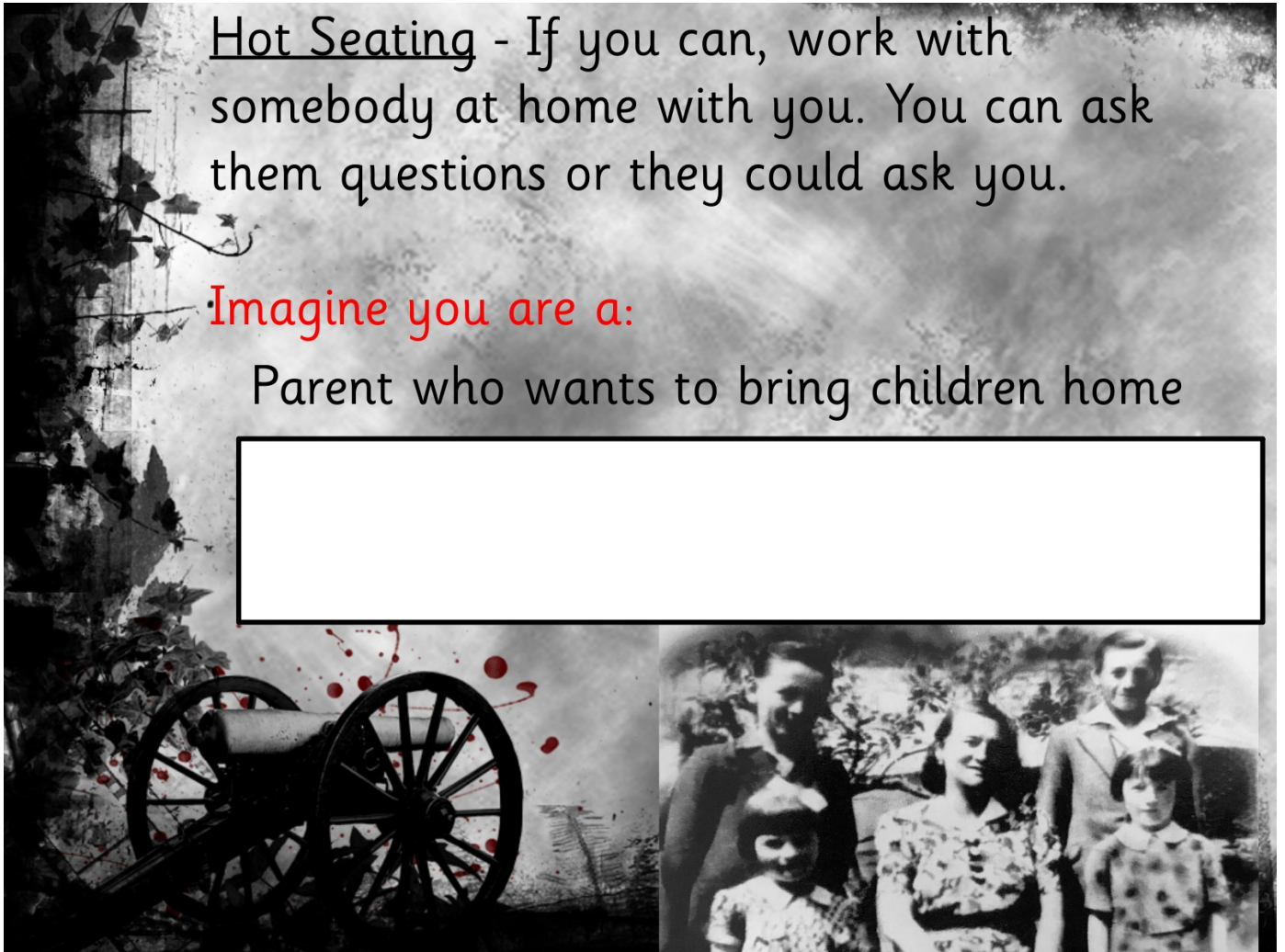
What do you think about this?



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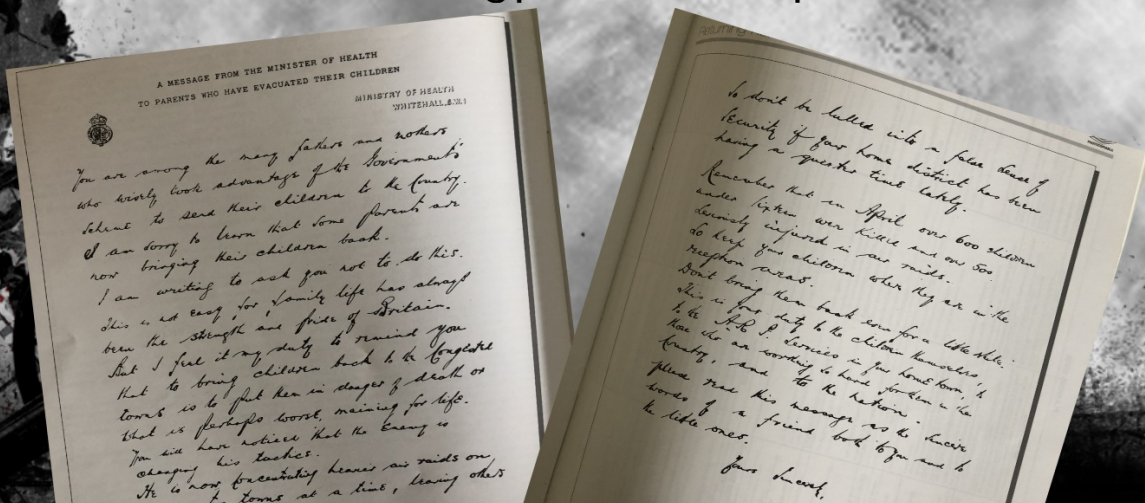
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Child who hasn't settled well who is feeling homesick



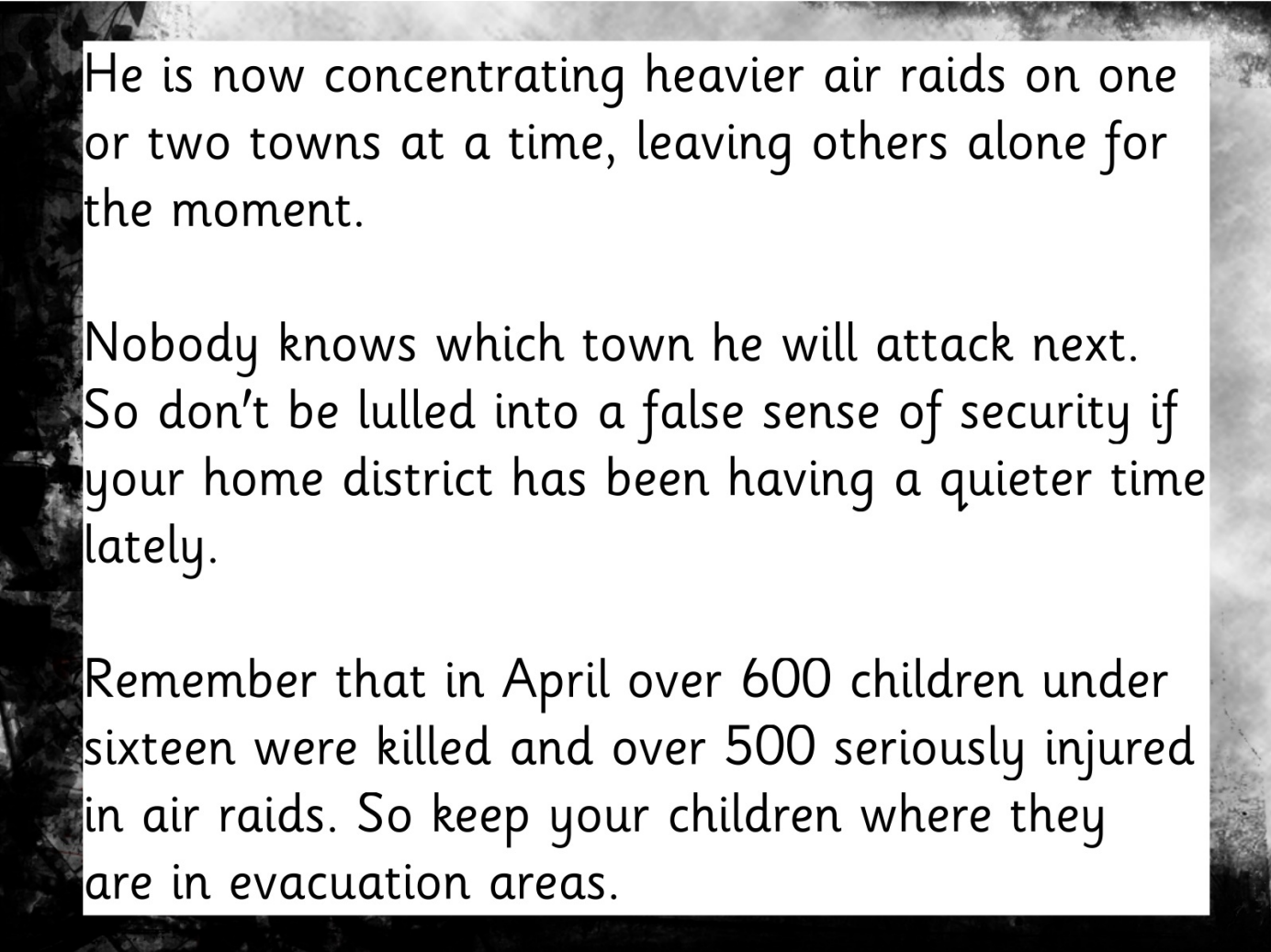
Ernest Brown (the Minister of Health) wrote to parents trying to persuade them to leave their children in evacuation areas.

Let's take a look (the originals are hard to read so I typed them up).



You are among the many fathers and mother who took advantage of the government's scheme to send their children to the country. I am sorry to learn that some parents are now try to bring their children back.

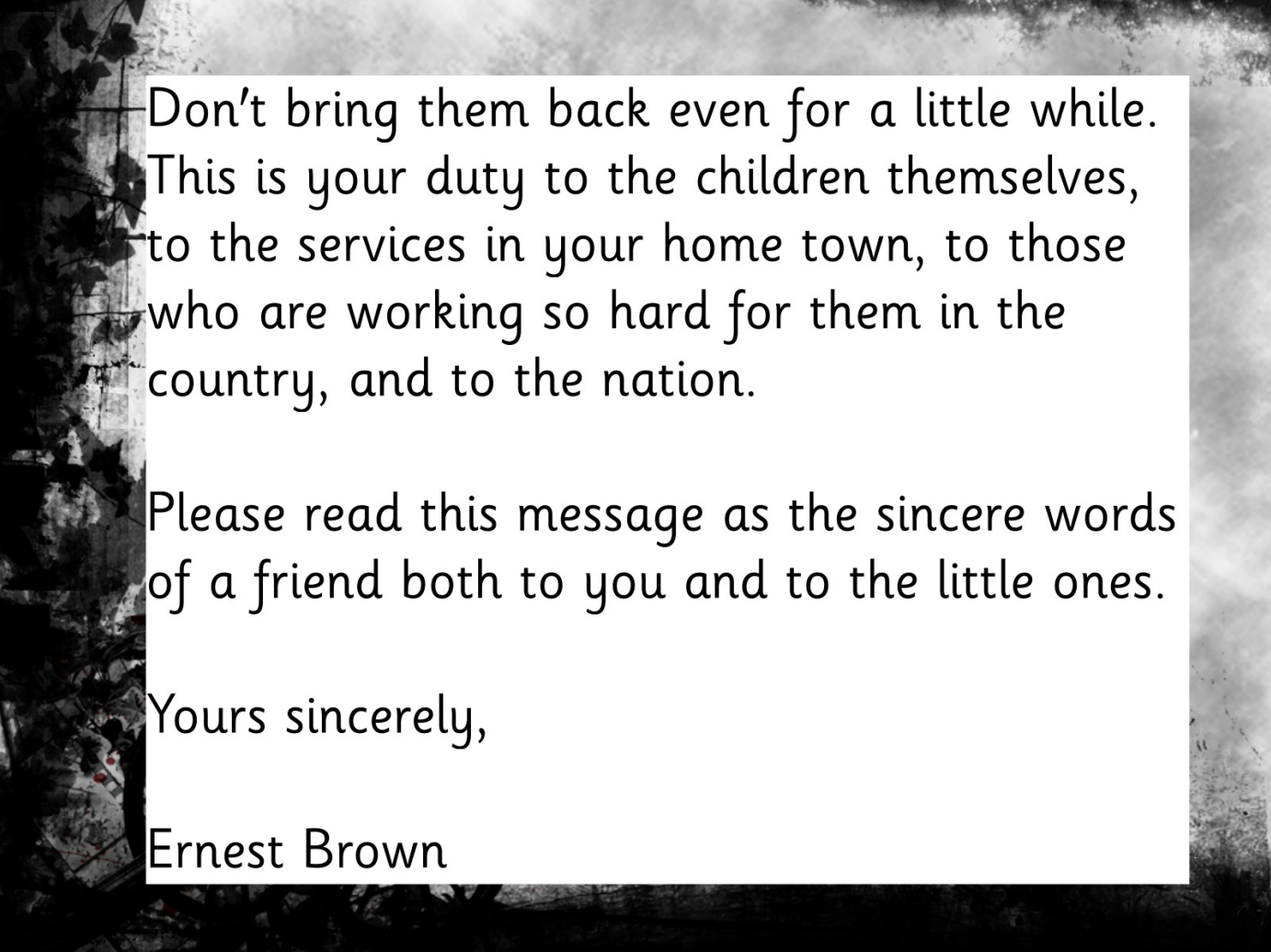
I am writing to ask you not to do this. This is not easy for family life has always been the strength and pride of Britain. Now I feel it my duty to remind you that to bring children back to the large towns is to put them in danger of death or what is perhaps worse, maiming for life. You will notice that the enemy is changing his tactics.



He is now concentrating heavier air raids on one or two towns at a time, leaving others alone for the moment.

Nobody knows which town he will attack next. So don't be lulled into a false sense of security if your home district has been having a quieter time lately.

Remember that in April over 600 children under sixteen were killed and over 500 seriously injured in air raids. So keep your children where they are in evacuation areas.

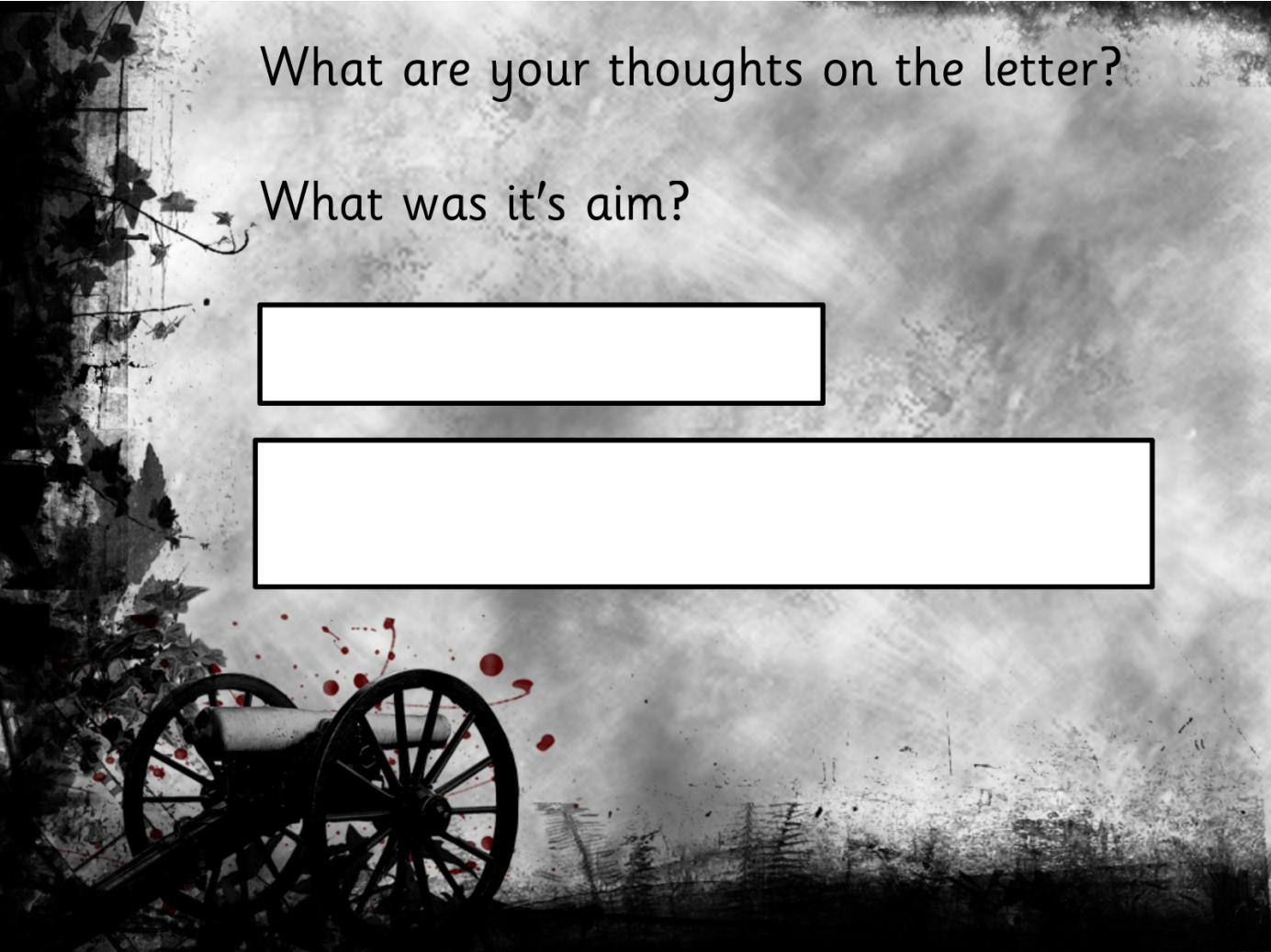


Don't bring them back even for a little while.
This is your duty to the children themselves,
to the services in your home town, to those
who are working so hard for them in the
country, and to the nation.

Please read this message as the sincere words
of a friend both to you and to the little ones.

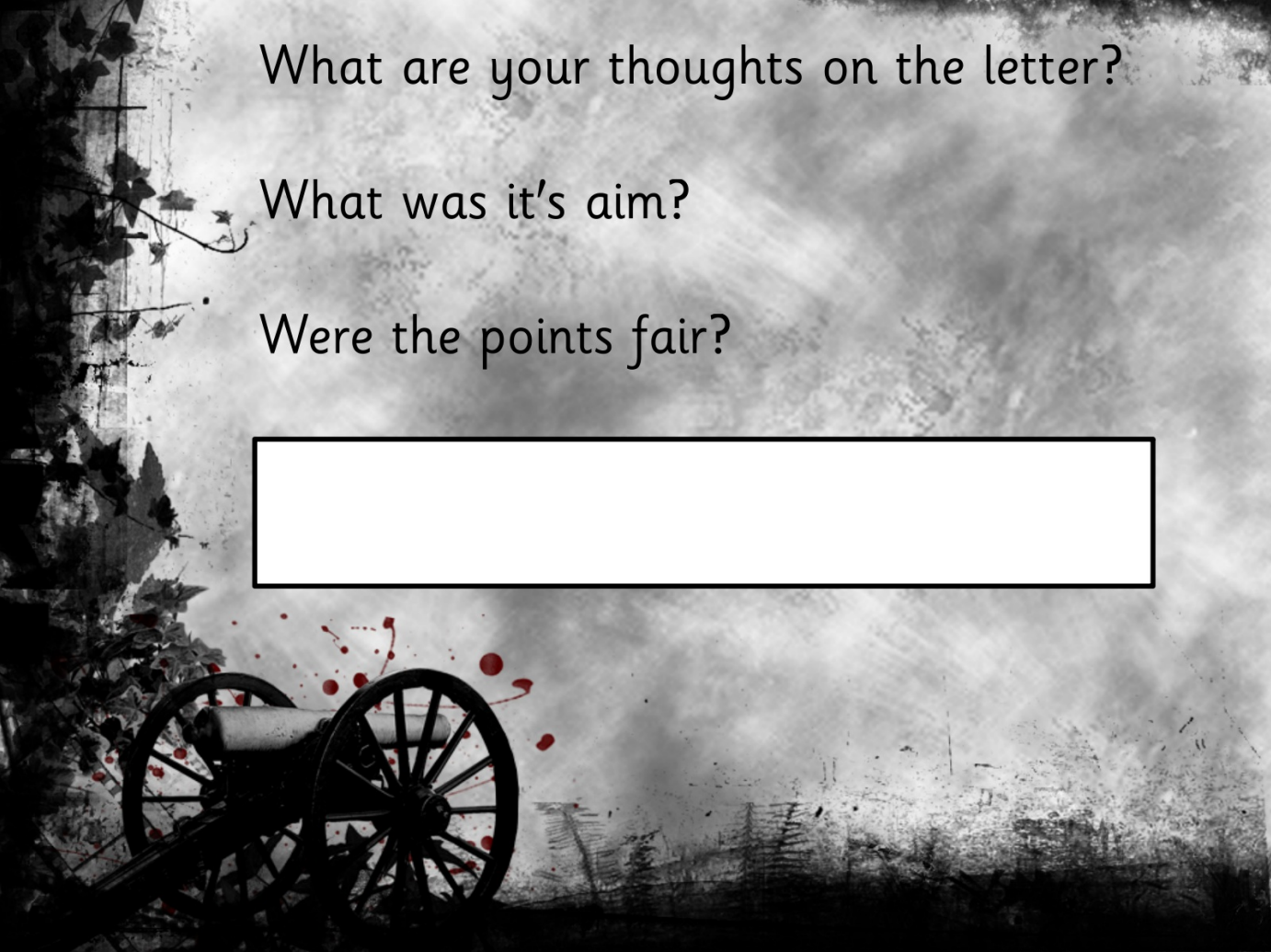
Yours sincerely,

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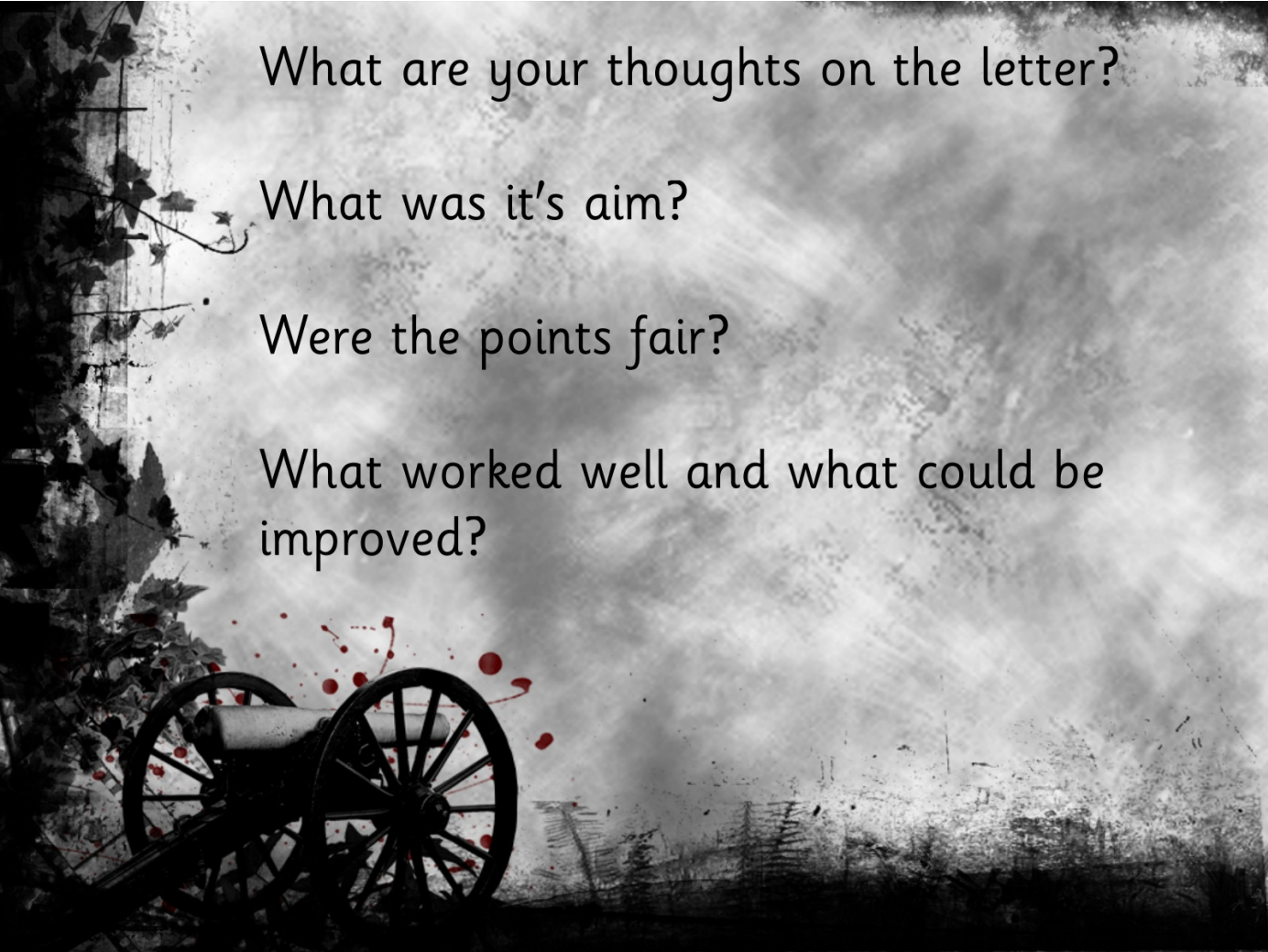
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What worked well and what could be improved?