

Creating a diorama



Today and in the coming lessons you are expected to create a diorama illustrating the typical living conditions of a working class family who lived during the industrial revolution. You must represent one or several aspects of the life of working people, e.g. the little space people had, the lack of clean water, air pollution, poverty, long working hours etc. You must represent these problems by showing this situation:

- the flat of a worker coming home from work after a long working day
- the flat of a worker before a strike
- the flat of a worker coming home after an accident in the factory
- the flat of a working class family during a meal on Thursday evening when money was running low
- the flat of a working class family on Sunday

Before you start your diorama think about the following questions:

- Which people do you want to show? What is their relationship (e.g. family with mother, father, son, step-daughter ...)
- What happened before?
- What is going to happen next?
- What do you want to show in your diorama? (One or two rooms only, the street, the courtyard ...)
- Which pieces of furniture do you want to include? Which other objects do you want to show?

Then make a sketch and show it to your teacher.

Then create your diorama out of the shoebox. You can make everything out of paper or carton, but you can also use ready-made figurines, such as "Playmobil".

When you have finished you must write (and present) a text about your diorama. This text must cover the following aspects:

- The topic ("Our diorama shows the flat of a working class family ...)
- A detailed description of the diorama. Use the words from the worksheet with the title "Capital & Labour" (e.g. "In the foreground ...", "In the bottom right hand corner ...").
- Explain who the people are and describe their everyday life (job, problems, hopes ...).
- Explain the situation (What are they doing? What happened before? What is going to happen next?)

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