

## ELEMENTARY LEVEL

### The Phantom Airman by Allan Frewin Jones

#### A Before Reading

- 1 What does the word 'phantom' mean? Write a definition.
- 2 Read *A Note About This Story* on pages 4 and 5. Now write the missing word(s) in each of these sentences.
  - (a) The Second World War lasted from ..... to .....
  - (b) The ..... was the British air force.
  - (c) Some British pilots flew ..... fighter planes.
  - (d) The ..... was the German air force.
  - (e) Some German fighter pilots flew ..... fighter planes.
  - (f) One of the ..... bombers was called the Lancaster.
  - (g) One of the German bombers was called the ..... .
  - (h) The ..... was the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

#### B While Reading

- 3 In this story, things happen in the present and in the past. The children see and feel the history of a place, so that the history is 'real' to them. Find out how the author makes the present and the past very close to each other. Keep a record of the movements from present to past and back again. Here is the beginning of a chart. Copy it and add to it as you read. Make sure that you have enough paper because it will be long!

Key:

R = Regan Vanderlinden    D = Darryl    GB = George Ballard  
F = Frankie Fitzgerald    Mrs F = Frankie's grandmother    GL = Glen Loosthawk  
J = Jack Christmas    JS = Jennie St Clair    TB = Terry Bowles  
T = Tom Christmas    FS = Florrie Skinner    Mrs B = Mrs Bowles

Chapter number	Place	Time	People
1	Lychford Green Airfield Airfield	present	F, R, J, T
		past	F, R, J, T
2	Airfield Airfield	past	F, R, J, T, GL
		present	F, R, J, T, D
3	Darryl's room	present	

C After Reading

4 Terry Bowles read his grandfather's diary and he discovered something – his grandfather was a traitor. He was a spy for the Germans and they gave him diamonds to pay other spies. The diary is written in a code. Invent your own code. Write two diary entries in your code which prove that Squadron Leader Leighbridge-Smith was a traitor.



5 Regan, Frankie, Tom and Jack are doing a project about their town between 1939 and 1945.  
Either:  
Create part of the project done by the four friends.  
or:  
Create a project about your own village, town or city between 1939 and 1945.