

Tuesday 19th May 2020 - Session 2

Comprehension: Read the text and answer the questions.

Grace Darling

Who was Grace Darling?

Grace Darling was born in Bamburgh in Northumberland. She was born to William and Thomasin Darling. When she was only a few weeks old, her family moved to one of the Farne Islands called Brownsman Island. Her father was the lighthouse keeper and they lived in a small cottage next to the lighthouse. After a short while, in search of a better home, the family moved to another of the Farne Islands called Longstone Island. They moved into a new lighthouse with a large room at the bottom which had a spiral staircase leading to the bedrooms.

Why is she remembered?

On the 7th September 1838 in the middle of the night, there was a violent storm. Grace spotted a shipwreck on Big Harcar, which was a nearby rocky island. The ship which was named Forfarshire, was upon the rocks broken in half. Feeling that the sea was too rough for the lifeboat, Grace and her father used a four-man rowing boat to row for one mile to search for any survivors. Grace stayed on board, keeping the boat steady while her father rescued four men and the lone surviving woman. Grace stayed at the lighthouse with the survivors, while her father went back to rescue four more people. Grace and her father were awarded a silver medal and many gifts including £50;00 from Queen Victoria.

Remembering Grace Darling.

Grace was buried in her hometown of Bamburgh.. A large monument reminds people of Grace and celebrates her life. A lifeboat was named after her and there is also a museum in Bamburgh where people can remember her and see the boat that was used to rescue the people on that tragic night.

Questions:

1. What was the name of Grace Darling's mother?
2. Why did the family move to Longstone?
3. What does spiral mean? Draw a spiral.
4. 'There was a **violent storm.**' In this sentence what do you think is the meaning of violent?
5. How many people did Grace and her father rescue altogether?
6. How many women survived the storm?
7. What had happened to the ship?
8. Think of 3 adjectives to describe Grace and her father.
9. What did people do to show their appreciation for Grace Darling.
10. Would you like to visit the museum. Why or why not?

Extra question: Do you remember someone else, (clue: a woman) who received an award from Queen Victoria? Who was it?