

This activity is called White Space. You have the Night After Night After Night poem and you need to make annotations around the outside of the poems. Think about:

1. Questions you have
2. Initial responses
3. Your understanding
4. Your favourite line(s)
5. Your opinions etc...

## No Surrender

*'There will be no surrender.'*

It was a statement from Winnie in a stern and  
passionate speech.

It was scrawled in vapour trails on a canvas of sky  
above Kent.

It was the man in the rubble that once was his  
home, shaking his fist at the sky.

It was soldiers defiant on Dunkirk's beaches  
wading out to warships.

It was Auntie Doris pounding a pub piano while  
the sirens sounded.

It was 'There'll Always Be an England', 'Rule,  
Britannia!' and 'Jerusalem'.

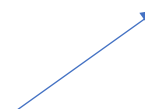
It was eyes filling with tears at the sight of the  
flag.

*'There will be no surrender.'*

And there wasn't.

*Brian Moses*

*'Winnie' was the affectionate name for Winston Churchill, Britain's  
Prime Minister for most of the Second World War.*



This activity is called White Space. You have the Night After Night After Night poem and you need to make annotations around the outside of the poems. Think about:

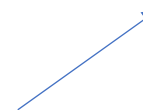
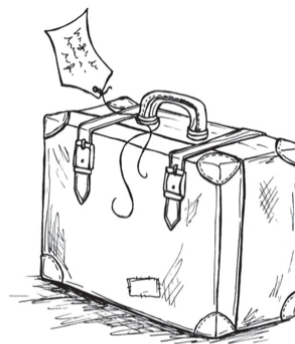
1. Questions you have
2. Initial responses
3. Your understanding
4. Your favourite line(s)
5. Your opinions etc...

## Evacuation

I dunno why Mum's crying so  
We'll be fine  
Got on the train to Wales  
My sister and me  
And a hundred other children  
Heading for the sunshine  
Although we don't know  
Exactly where we're going  
I've got a label though  
So I won't get lost  
The government said  
We had to go  
And we'll be safe, away from the bombs  
And anyway it will be exciting  
All that space to play in  
And hills to climb

And sheep to chase  
So I don't know why Mum's crying

*Roger Stevens*



This activity is called White Space. You have the Night After Night After Night poem and you need to make annotations around the outside of the poems. Think about:

1. Questions you have
2. Initial responses
3. Your understanding
4. Your favourite line(s)
5. Your opinions etc...

### **Shrapnel**

These shells shattered to smithereens  
and falling from the sky at night  
are the bits and pieces we most prize  
from aerial dogfights.

We're searching on our way to school  
before too many people are about.  
We're nipping into neighbours' gardens  
and often being chased out.

We're watching from the doors of shelters  
as falling shrapnel sparks the ground,  
then sprinting out to scoop it up  
the moment the all-clear sounds.

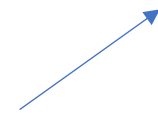
And some of it's too hot to touch,  
so at times we've burned our hands.

And some of it's kept hidden  
like illegal contraband,  
  
the tail fin of a firebomb  
or a nose cone someone found,  
or a cache of silver bullets  
simply picked up off the ground.

These are the prize exhibits  
tucked away in garden sheds  
or out of sight from prying eyes,  
pushed under spare-room beds.

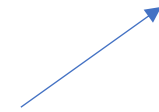
And at night we hear the rat-a-tat-tat  
of guns shooting down a plane  
and imagine shrapnel falling  
in a hail of silvery rain.

*Brian Moses*



This activity is called White Space. You have the Night After Night After Night poem and you need to make annotations around the outside of the poems. Think about:

1. Questions you have
2. Initial responses
3. Your understanding
4. Your favourite line(s)
5. Your opinions etc...



## What Are We Fighting For?

What are we fighting for?

We have to do  
or die.

What are we fighting for?

We can't turn a  
blind eye.

What are we fighting for?

To sleep safely  
in bed.

What are we fighting for?

To keep away  
fear and dread.

What are we fighting for?

To keep our  
children free.

What are we fighting for?

To choose our  
own destiny.

What are we fighting for?

Because there's  
nowhere to  
hide.

What are we fighting for?

Because so  
many have  
died.

What are we fighting for?

To challenge  
oppression.

What are we fighting for?

To combat  
aggression.

What are we fighting for?

To win us the  
war.

What are we fighting for?

So there won't  
be any more.

What are we fighting for?

So that we can  
make sure.

What are we fighting for?

It's a war to  
end war.

What are we fighting for?

So we'll never  
need to say

What are we fighting for?

Again.

*Brian Moses*