

Storm Pearl

Notes for Teachers

1. Why is Maggie visiting her Granny? What special day is it?
2. “Granny is in a thoughtful mood.” Why is Granny in a thoughtful mood? Do you think “thoughtful” means sad?
3. How does the weather reflect Granny’s feelings? Can you write a description of stormy weather?
4. The next page shows Granny with her husband, who was lost at sea – how do we know this is an image from the past? How does it look different from the illustrations of Maggie and the present day?
5. Where do Buster and Maggie take a short cut to get to Granny’s house?
6. Research what a “Pearl Lugger” is – what were the luggers used for?
 - a. Draw what you think a pearl lugger looks like
 - b. What were old pearl luggers made from?
7. Who is the pearl diver? How is he related to Maggie’s Granny?
8. Research what pearl divers did in Broome, historically
 - a. Where did the majority of pearl divers who worked in Broome come from?
 - b. What did they wear when pearl diving?
 - c. Was pearl diving dangerous?
 - d. Where were the pearls sent and sold?
9. Research how pearls are harvested.
10. Do you think Maggie was dreaming? Why, or why not?
11. What do Maggie and her Granny see in the distance, when they look out to sea?



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