

Dinosaur Dreams

Read the historical fiction story.

Then follow the instructions in the text-marking box.

It was 12th May 1905. The Natural History Museum was packed with excited crowds. It seemed that everyone in London wanted to see the spectacular new display. People queued eagerly, ready to be amazed. It was the first complete model skeleton of a huge dinosaur ever displayed.



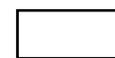
The newspapers called it 'The Greatest Animal That Ever Lived'. The Kirby children couldn't talk about anything else. They desperately wanted to see it. How could they bear to wait?

At last, the day came. The children nervously approached the huge dark building. They entered through a towering archway. Eerie echoes drifted out of the shadowy hall ahead.

Alice and Joe stepped inside, and there it was. Wow! What a thrill! The magnificent giant dinosaur stood gleaming in the dazzling shafts of sunlight.

Text Marking

Think about the setting and mood of the story.



Box when the story takes place.



Circle where the story takes place.



Underline at least four details that set the mood.

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▶ Answer each question. Give evidence from the story.

1 How do people’s actions reflect their mood in the first paragraph?

- ▶ A frustrated and angry ▶ C nervous and unhappy
- ▶ B excited and rude ▶ D excited, frustrated, nervous and thrilled

What helped you answer? _____

2 What historical event does this story describe?

- ▶ A a party at the Natural History Museum
- ▶ B the opening of a new theatre
- ▶ C the display of a giant dinosaur skeleton in London
- ▶ D the first ghost train ride in London

What helped you answer? _____

3 Describe the mood in each paragraph of the story.

4 Give two facts about the dinosaur skeleton that made it so special.
