



During the war, the air raid siren could go off at any time and thousands of people would shelter in the London Underground from the falling bombs above. This would have been a scary and uncertain time for all those sheltering together. The train tracks were considered a safe place as they are deep underground and spread across London. Imagine you were sheltering with these people. How would you feel? What would you be thinking? **BEFORE** you begin your writing, use the writing grid below as a template for your ideas. Create a story plan in your book, displayed however you choose, answering some of the questions below and including any key ideas or vocabulary you are going to put in your writing to ensure you don't forget!

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| Paragraph 1 | <p>Where were you when you heard the siren?</p> <p>Describe your run to the nearest underground!</p> <p>Who were you with?</p> <p>How were you feeling?</p> |
| Paragraph 2 | <p>Setting description – describe what the train track and platform looked like. How many people were down there? What were they doing? What were their facial expressions like? Did you talk to anybody?</p> <p>How were you feeling?</p> <p>What could you hear?</p> <p>What were you thinking about?</p> <p>What did you do to pass the time?</p> |
| Paragraph 3 | <p>You finally hear the all clear siren – which emotions did this evoke?</p> <p>What devastation did you find when you arose from the underground?</p> <p>Did you find your loved ones on your travels home?</p> <p>Did you have a home to return to?</p> |

You should write your story in the **PAST** tense and in **FIRST** person.

Sentence starters:

There it is, the loud blaring siren...

All of a sudden I felt...

I rushed towards...

I felt overwhelmingly....

I searched around for...

I could not help but feel...

As I reached the platform I saw...

The thought of.... was swirling around my head.

All around me was...

As I climbed the steps, I felt...

Feeling...., I arose from the Underground

London looked like...

I was speechless because...

As I headed home...

Key Vocabulary:

London Underground

Blitz

siren

platform

bombed

explosions

terrified

petrified

panic-stricken

apprehensive

nervous

devastation

heartbroken

