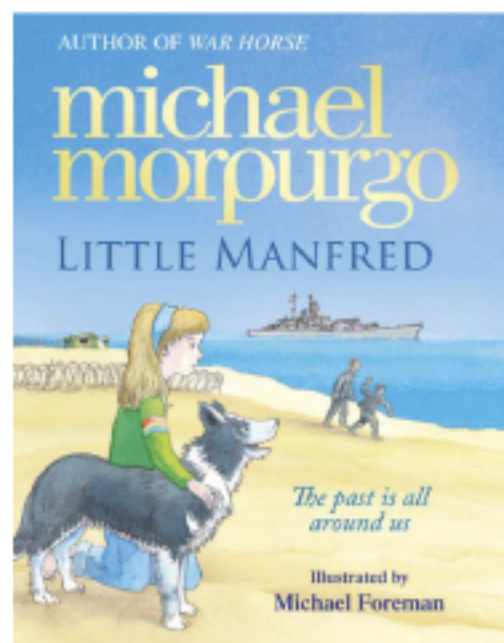


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## Little Manfred – Resources for teachers



### History – Key Stage 2

#### Discussion points/research projects for your class

*Discuss with your class the following issues:*

1. **The sinking of the Bismarck.** Divide your class into small groups and ask them to carry out some research on this German WWII battleship and how it came to be sunk in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Ask them to create a poster and present to the rest of the class.
2. **Prisoner-of-war camps.** After the sinking of the Bismarck, Walter and Manfred are sent to a prisoner-of-war camp in the north of England. Discuss with your class the reasons why these camps were established in Britain during WWII.
3. **Life on the Home Front.** Charley and Alex's mum was a little girl during the Second World War, living on a farm in Suffolk. Discuss with your class the following points: How would her life have been affected by the war? What would it have been like growing up during this time? Hints: rationing, evacuees, air raid shelters...

### English – Key Stage 2

#### Ideas for creative classroom writing

*Ask your class to write about the following topics. Make sure they understand the different writing styles required by each piece (i.e.: introspective piece, letter, descriptive piece).*

1. "We saw many gannets, I remember," he said, "on the day I came to England on *HMS Dorsetshire*. I was now a prisoner of war of course. When I looked up at the gulls crying in the sky back then I thought, *they are free up there, I am not. What are they crying for?* I could not know it then, and nor did Manfred, of course, but we would be prisoners of war for six long years." Describe what Walter would be

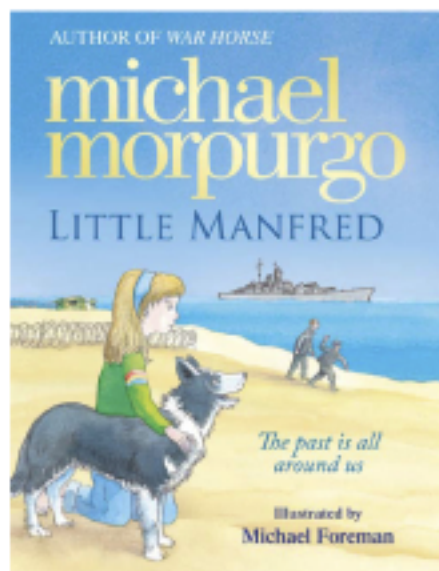
thinking as he arrived on the quayside as a prisoner of war. How would he feel? Scared? Nervous? Homesick? Sad?

2. Imagine you are Manfred writing a letter from Mayfield Farm to your wife Jutta and daughter Inga back in Germany. Who and what would you tell them about?
3. In the story Manfred and Walter are the best of friends, always looking out for one another and helping each other out. Describe one of your friends – explain how you met, what you enjoy doing together and why you are such good friends.

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## Little Manfred Book Quiz

Now that you've read Little Manfred, how much can you remember from the story?

- 1) In which two time periods is the story set?.....
- 2) Where do Charley and Alex meet Walter and Marty?.....
- 3) What country are Walter and Manfred from?.....
- 4) Who is Inga?.....
- 5) How many men were on board the Bismarck?.....
- 6) What was the name of the British ship that the Bismarck sunk?.....
- 7) How long were Walter and Manfred prisoners of war for?.....
- 8) What is the name of the farm where Walter and Manfred were sent?.....
- 9) Who did Manfred make the toy dog for?.....
- 10) What breed of dog is Little Manfred?.....
- 11) What does Marty use to repair Little Manfred's broken leg?.....
- 12) Who carries Little Manfred into the museum at the end of the story?.....

### ANSWERS

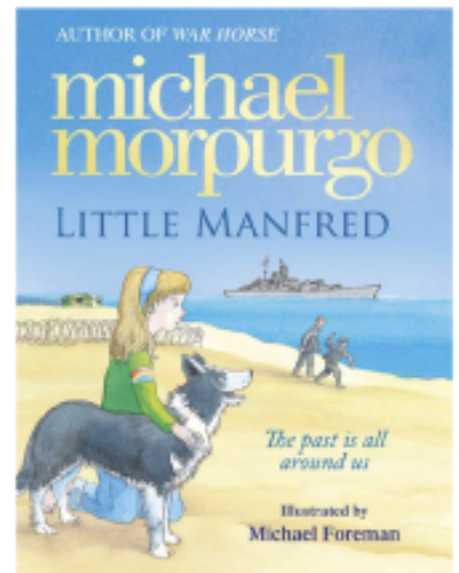
1) WW1 and 1966 2) On the beach 3) Germany 4) Manfred's daughter and Walter's granddaughter 5) 2700 6) The Bismarck 7) 6 years 8) Manfred 9) Grace (Alex & Charley's mum) 10) A Deichhund 11) A cotton reel 12) Inga



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## Little Manfred Word Search

Can you find the words relating to Little Manfred in the Word Search below? The words can go backwards and forwards, up and down, but not diagonally. Good luck!

M	T	P	N	X	F	Z	O	S	L	P	E	A	C	E
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Prisoner	Peace	Little	World Cup
Germany	Museum	Manfred	Wembley
Battleship	Marty	Bismarck	Alex
Beach	Cotton Reel	Dachshund	Charley
Mine	Suffolk	Farm	Walter