

THE FAIRGROUND



This story is set in Victorian times. John and Mary have wealthy but very strict parents who believe children should spend their time reading and learning and certainly not playing! A fairground visits their town and John and Mary are longing to go along. Their parents are strongly set against it. Here is the conversation that takes place between the children and their parents:

John and Mary run excitedly into the parlour.

"Mother, Father, the fairground has arrived!" exclaimed John.

"Might we be permitted to attend?" Mary pleaded. "All the other children in the town will be going."

"Silence!" commanded their father, his stern face showing his great displeasure.

"You will not attend and that is final! My children do not have time to waste on such frivolities. You have your books and so much to learn!"

Task

Your task is to write the story of how John and Mary manage to sneak out and visit the fairground without their parents knowing.

Name _____ Date _____

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Story Setting: Think about what a wealthy Victorian house would look like. Think about the different rides, sounds and smells of the fairground.

Characters:

Mother:

Father:

John:

Mary:

How do the children manage to leave the house secretly? How does the story begin?

What happens at the fairground? What do they see? Who do they meet?

On their return, do their parents catch them? How is the story resolved?