



Teachers' Notes

Tragic Tale

The 'Tragic Tale' whiteboard resource provides a framework to involve your pupils in using images and words in a creative way to tell a story either in the form of a storyboard for a video or in an article for a newspaper or magazine.

The images provided are in the form of illustrations related to a fatality on the railway tracks as a result of inappropriate behaviour and the effect that such an incident can have on a variety of people.

The resource links with the publications and videos that can be ordered free of charge by visiting the Track Off website at: <http://www.trackoff.org/materials.html>. Some of the video clips and images in the Track Off Teaching Zone video/image banks can be downloaded to complement this resource.

Please send any feedback about the resource and any suggestions for additional programs to feedback@teachingzone.org.

1 A Powerpoint file that contains all the illustrations that can be used in a variety of programs by converting the slides to jpeg format.

2 The Smart Notebook file contains a gallery of images that can be used to introduce creative projects

- A story in a newspaper or magazine

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NEWS UPDATE



15 year old youth electrocuted by 'LIVE' third rail

Paramedics battle to save youth - found close to tracks



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- A storyboard for a video


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A step too far


Video storyboard. 2 teenagers 14/15, baseball caps 1 boy with backpack




Scene 1: Railway bridge 2 young friends crossing bridge watch train go by. First Boy "I know where we can get closer down the embankment there are some trains we can get onto..."



Scene 2: Boys on top of stationary railway carriage. Scene shot from above looking down onto carriage roof. General messing about moving from one side of the roof to the other. Sound of trains passing in distance.



Scene 3: Boys are climbing back up embankment. One boy slips. Friend tries to hold onto him but is unable to stop him falling...



Scene 4: At side of track. Second boy..

