

A VISIT TO GOLD TOWN

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PM

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Level 20

Running Words 569 **Text Type** Recount (Imaginative)

Curriculum Area Humanities – History

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the recount in his or her own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

- 1 Where was gold found long ago?
- 2 What was the blacksmith's job?
- 3 How big was the Gold Town school?

Inferential

- 4 Why did the children see people dressed in clothes from long ago?
- 5 Why did the blacksmith use metal that was hot and soft?
- 6 Why did the teacher buy some barley sugar for the children to try?
- 7 Why didn't the children find any gold in the river?
- 8 Why did the lady cook the damper on a fire outside the hut?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 Why were soldiers needed at Gold Town long ago?

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Level 20	Card	Recount	<i>Little Buffalo Hunter</i>
Level 20	Card	Recount	<i>Gardening with Dad</i>

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Chapter 1

Gold Town

Dear Grandpa,
Yesterday, our class visited a place called Gold Town.
We went there to learn how people lived,
and looked for **gold**, a long time ago.



Many years ago, gold was found near Gold Town. People rushed from all around the world to look for the gold. This was called a “**gold rush**”.

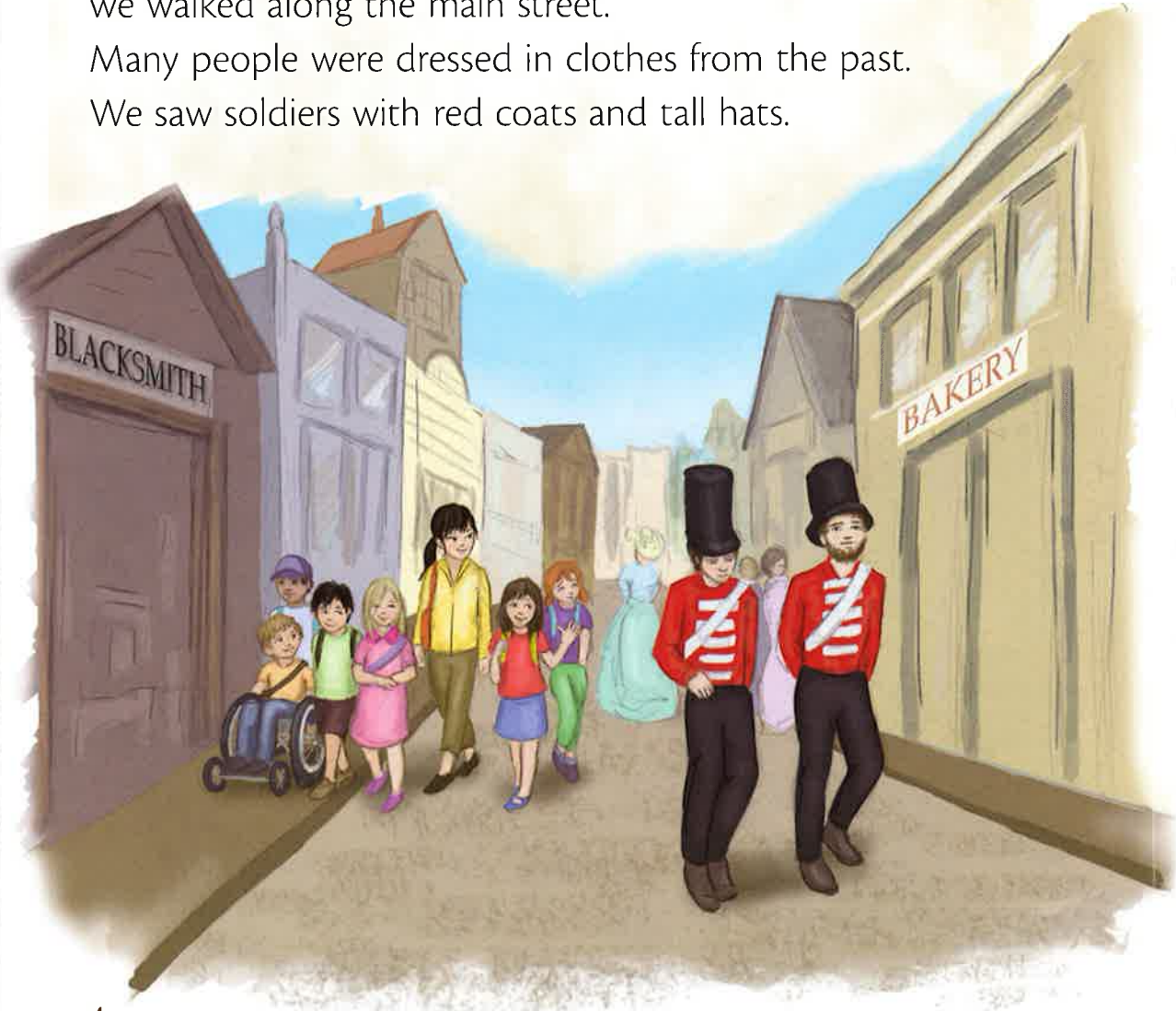


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Chapter 2

The Main Street

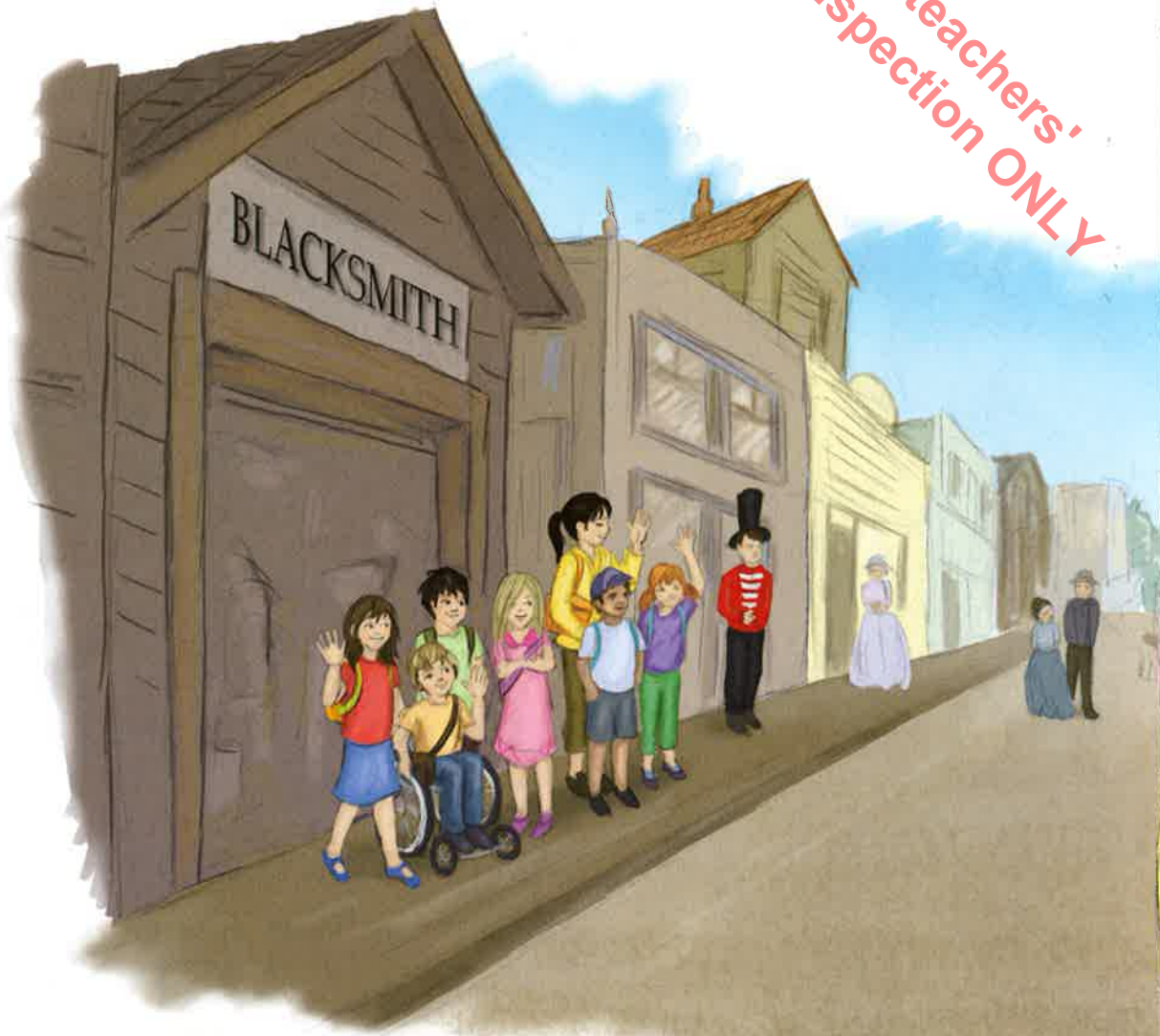
When we arrived at Gold Town,
we walked along the main street.
Many people were dressed in clothes from the past.
We saw soldiers with red coats and tall hats.





Our teacher took us to the blacksmith's shop.
The **blacksmith** put some metal into a fire.
When the metal was hot and soft, he took it out.
He made it into a horseshoe.

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As we came out of the shop,
we saw two horses trotting along Main Street.
They pulled a big carriage.
The driver waved to us as he went past.

Two ladies were riding in the carriage.
They were dressed in beautiful clothes from the past.
The ladies waved, too.

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