

A Smuggler's Song

Questions for Book 3 Group

1. What is the reader told not to do at the start of the poem?
2. How many smugglers are riding past the house?
3. What have the smugglers hidden around the back of the house which you are asked to cover up if you find it?
4. What might your mother have to fix for the smugglers?
5. What does 'mindful' mean at the top of page 2?
6. Who are Trusty and Pincher?
7. What do Trusty and Pincher know what to do when the smugglers pass by outside at night?
8. If you help keeping the secret that the smugglers have been, what reward might you receive?
9. What other presents do the smugglers bring for people in the town? (you may need to find out what 'Baccy' is)
10. What two pieces of advice are given to persuade the reader not to pay attention to what the smugglers are up to?
11. Challenge question: Why does the poem seem to be about doing everything to pretend the smugglers haven't been seen, and why wouldn't the people in the town want to tell King George's soldiers about the smugglers?