Wednesday 6th January 2021

LO: To plot the main events which occur in the poem
The Highwayman.

Today we are going to spend some time ensuring that we really understand The Highwayman.



Let's see what we can remember about the poem ...

What is the name of the landlord's daughter?

What does the landlord's daughter wear in her hair?

What is the relationship between the Highwayman and Bess?

What is an ostler?

What is the ostler's name in the poem?

What is the relationship between Tim and Bess?

How do you think that Tim feels towards the Highwayman?

Where does the Highwayman go when he leaves Bess at the beginning of the poem? What is his 'job'?

Who arrived wearing red coats? Why do you think they came to the town?

Who do you think called King George's men? Why?

Why do you think that King George's men tied Bess up?

Why did Bess shoot herself? What do you think about this?

Why did the Highwayman try to return to the town at the end of the poem?

Was Bess' decision to shoot herself to save the Highwayman a waste? Why?

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Let's think about the poem in a chronological manner to plot the main events.

- 1) Who does the Highwayman visit?
- 2) Where does the Highwayman go? Why?
- 3) Who informs King George /that the Highwayman is planning to return to town? Who then arrives at the town?
- 4) What do King George's men do to Bess?
- 5) What does Bess do as a warning to the Highwayman?
- 6) What does the Highwayman do upon hearing the news about Bess' death? What happens to him?