



POSTCARD HOME

In the video we learnt a bit more about John Deman, the sailor from the Caribbean who lived at the Royal Hospital in the mid-1800s.

It is believed that he joined the Royal Navy as young boy, serving under Nelson.

Imagine what it must have been like to have joined the navy as a young child.

How do you think he would have felt about working on a ship, travelling to new countries, meeting new people, eating new foods, and wearing different clothes?

Creative writing exercise

Imagine you are John Deman. You have Joined the Navy and are sailing out to sea on the *Boreas*. Write a postcard home. What will you write about? Think about how John might have felt. Once you have finished writing turn the postcard over. How will you decorate your postcard? Think about what John might have seen while working on the ship. Or you could be creative and draw images to show the emotions you think John might have felt.



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Here is an example:

Dear Family,

I am finally at sea!

All I can see is water. All I can hear are waves. Working here is hard and the food tastes bad.

The other sailors talk of the different places they have seen, and I am excited to see them myself.

I miss you all so much.

John



The Deman Family

Nevis

The Caribbean





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