

## Worksheet 3

# Runaway

**Directions:**

1. Think about Meg and Robbie's older brother, Arthur.
  - Brainstorm the facts that you know about him from the story.
  - Make a note of the changes that Meg sees in him since his return.
  - Read the Background Information about The Great War and add extra information on what Arthur may have experienced in being shipped to Egypt and then to Gallipoli.
2. Use this information to create an Acrostic Poem about Arthur. An Acrostic has the title written down the page and each line begins with a letter from the title. Look at the model where the word TRENCH is used as the title of this War poem.

Trenches were their only shelter and  
Rain and mud made  
Every day a waking nightmare.  
No time for quiet thoughts of home, the  
Constant scream of bombs tears the air.  
Hell could be no worse.

Use **ARTHUR** as the title of an acrostic poem that tells of his experiences, hurts and fears.

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*When you have completed your poem you may wish to try a different topic using some other aspect of the story such as RUNAWAY, or STEAM TRAINS.*