

## Worksheet 2

# Dr Wow

## *The Thrill of Time Travel*

***But his best invention was the TADIS. Like Dr Who's TARDIS, it involved a box that travelled in time. "It stands for Time and Date in Sync," said Uncle Harry, wiping his glasses with excitement.***



One of the most exciting ideas in Science Fiction has always been the concept of travelling in time.

The two best known examples of this are “The Time Machine”, a short novel by HG Wells (published in 1895), which has since been made into two films – and “Dr Who”, the world famous British television series which was first broadcast in November 1963 – and is still running 50 years later.

There are other stories too. Some say that the story of “Rip van Winkle\*” (by Washington Irving, 1819) is a “time slip” story, and that the celebrated novel “A Christmas Carol” (by Charles Dickens, 1843) is another, as is “A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court” (by Mark Twain, 1889) – though they are all strictly speaking fantasies as opposed to “**science** fiction” (there is no explanation *scientifically* in any one of them for how the characters get around in time).

(\* “Rip van Winkle” appears in Ziptales, under Myths and Legends)

### Your task:

1. Find out as much as you can about one of these stories with research (in books and online).
2. Write out a short summary of the story you have chosen (50-100 words), or in the case of Dr Who, of a typical episode.
3. Find some pictures to illustrate the story.
4. Present your summary and pictures to the class.