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These pictures and rhymes come from a history book printed in the nineteen fifties, which is why they give up on history after 1903 - a kind of fifty year rule. I thought that if the curriculum is going in this direction here is at least a way of keeping talk on the agenda. When you have played pairs maybe you would like to write your own history poems and send them for us to include in the activity.

You can play pairs or you could play spot the anachronisms!

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**Basic principles behind our talk for  
learning activities:  
Oracy in curriculum contexts!**

Build on children's own prior knowledge.  
Move from concrete to abstract.  
Ensure everyone works with  
everyone else.  
Extend social language towards  
curriculum language.  
Provide motivating ways to go over the  
same knowledge more than once.

**It's empowering to talk an idea through  
before you have to write about it!**

**Good for all pupils!  
Vital for EAL pupils!**

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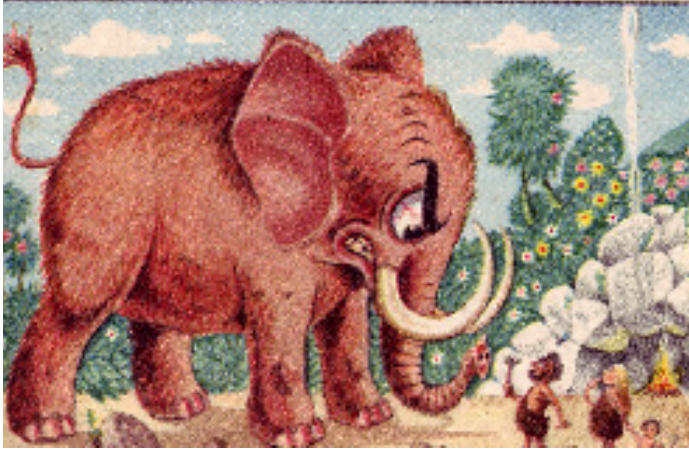
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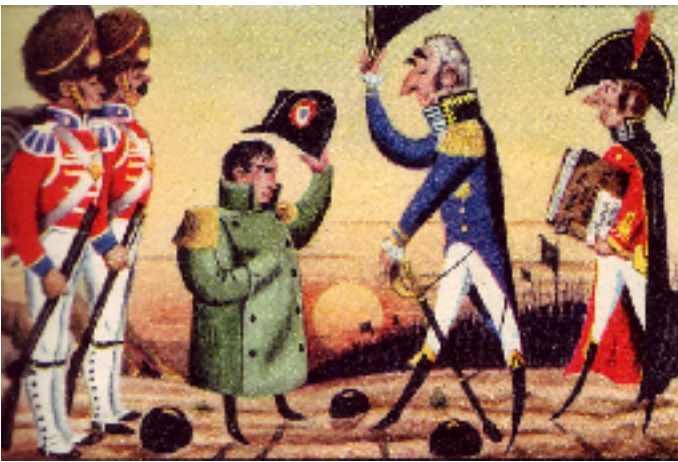


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Dressing and eating  
were far from easy,  
Even in Thirty-five-  
thousand B.C.

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Julius Caesar arrive  
If you'd lived in  
B.C. 55.

"It's William of  
Normandy up to his  
tricks!"  
Cried Harold at  
Pevensey - 1066.

King John was any-  
thing but keen,  
On the Magna Carta in  
1215.

The English thought  
the Scots unsportin'  
At Bannockburn in  
1314.

Columbus discovered  
horizons new,  
In Fourteen-  
hundred-and-ninety-  
two.

The Spanish ships  
were much too great  
In the Channel in  
1588.

Cried the Pilgrim  
Fathers "A land of  
plenty!"  
(Scene: America  
1620)

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Very UN-civil and  
naughty too  
England's war of 1642.

The star-spangled  
flag, in Red, White  
and Blue  
Was hoisted in 1782.

Waterloo it might  
have been  
Had Victor met  
Vanquished in 1815

How they cheered to  
see the first train  
arrive,  
From Stockton in  
1825

Wireless (or Radio)  
was really begun  
By Marconi in  
Nineteen-hundred-  
and-one

"Gosh!" cried the  
sparrows, "who'd  
thought we'd see  
The Wright Brothers  
fly in Nineteen-three"