

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 who 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.