



Fact Sheet Number 12.

The Halifax Zoo

The following information should start you on your journey into the past

In 1913 a Grizzly bear made a bid for freedom from Halifax Zoo causing a sensation in the Salterhebble, Siddal and Elland areas during the 90 minutes it was on the run.

The Grizzly went down Exley Bank and eventually reached Elland Wood by which time it was exhausted; as were the Zoo Keeper Stanley Hinds and his assistants who were chasing the bear.

Attempts to lasso it were unsuccessful and when Mr Hinds tried to place a rope around its neck, the bear resisted, tearing his coat to shreds. It was eventually recaptured when it became entangled into some ropes which had deliberately been placed as a trap.

You can follow the Zookeeper, Stanley Hinds and his assistants as they try to capture the bear.

Interview him after the bear has torn his coat to shreds.

What do you think is going through his head as he tries to recapture the Grizzly?

Use Adobe Audition to create the atmosphere as you go through Elland Woods using sound effects and a commentary.

Refer to worksheets on using Zoom Recorder / Adobe Audition / studio equipment