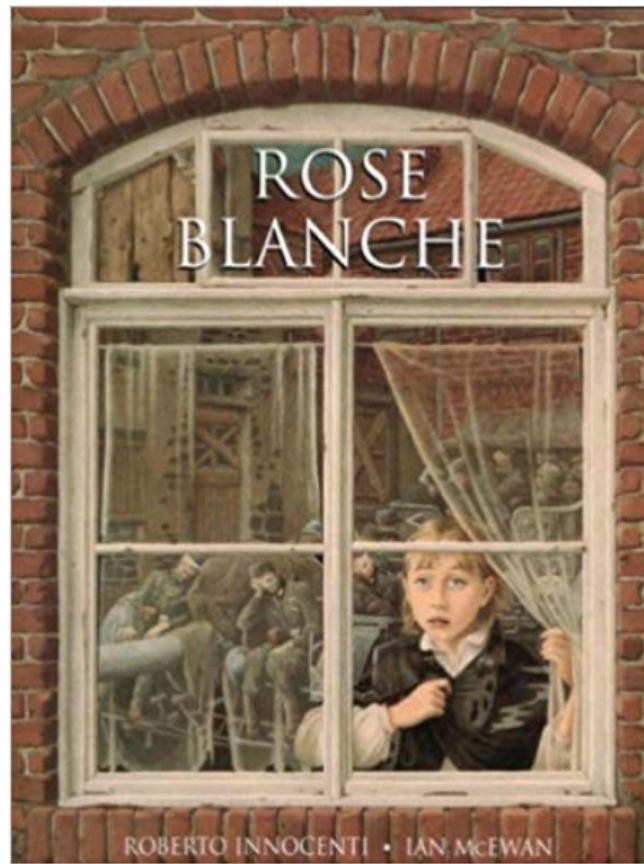


Lesson 1 (page 1 - 3)



Look at the front cover of the book.

1. What might this book be about? Predict and infer using the front cover.
2. What can the little girl see out of the window?
3. What questions do you have about the book from the front cover?
4. The title has a double meaning: research the words. I wonder why the author has chosen this. What are your thoughts?

Now look at the first page in the book

When wars begin people often cheer. The sadness comes later. The men from the town went off to fight for Germany. Rose Blanche and her mother joined the crowds and waved them goodbye. A marching band played, everyone cheered, and the fat mayor made a boring speech.

There were jokes and songs and old men shouted advice to the young soldiers. Rose Blanche was shivering with excitement. But her mother said it was cold. Winter was coming.



5. **Where** and **when** is the book set? How do you know?

6. *When wars begin people often cheer.* Why do you think people often feel positive at the start of war?

7. How are cheerful people depicted in the illustration?

8. Where is the mayor? Why do you think he is there?

9. Why do you think Rose shivered? Why do you think the author has included this detail?

10. *Winter was coming.* What could this mean? (Hint: it doesn't just mean that the season of Winter is coming)

11. Look carefully at the colours the author has used; why has he chosen them?

Now that you have spent some time looking at the front cover and first page, what do you think this book will be about? Do you think you are going to enjoy this?