

**GRAYS TUITION CENTRE – Online Tutoring**

**WEEK: 16**

**Week Beginning: (Monday 6th July 2020)**

**Subject: ENGLISH**

**Year: 9**

**Lesson Objective:**

- Analysing Non-Fiction texts
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**Class Worksheets**

- Analyse non-fiction texts and how to find similarities and differences.

**Homework Worksheets**

- Analyse two non-fiction texts and answer question 2

**Additional Notes**

Source A:

**The Observer** UK news

# Badgers fall prey to blood sport revival

**20,000 die in slaughter of the badgers**

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Badger-baiting has become Britain's deadliest blood sport, with a record 20,000 deaths forecast this year.

An unexpected resurgence in the gruesome pursuit, in which dogs are set on badgers, has prompted the RSPCA and the police to launch the first national campaign next month aimed at capturing offenders. A £1,000 reward will be offered for anyone with information leading to a conviction for badger-baiting.

Chief Inspector Terry Spamer, of the RSPCA's special intelligence unit, said there had been an 'explosion' in killings of the protected species, Britain's largest carnivorous mammal, particularly in Wales, Lancashire, Yorkshire and Scotland.

The RSPCA has collated intelligence on 4,000 individuals suspected of involvement in the practice.

A decade after the introduction of the Protection of Badgers Act, 1992, the comeback of badger-baiting has stunned animal welfare groups. The estimated death toll this year is double last year's, and far higher than the 13,987 foxes officially killed by hunts last season.

'It has become very prevalent in the last few months after dying off in the Eighties and Nineties,' said Spamer.

Police and the RSPCA are exasperated at the low number of successful convictions - five last year and not one to date in Scotland.

Highly organised gangs across the UK use terriers fitted with tracking devices to trap badgers in their underground setts. Once a badger is cornered, a pit is dug and terriers are dropped in to fight the animal, which is fearsome when cornered and attacked.



To give the dogs a chance, gangs often remove the claws and teeth of the badger or cut the hamstrings in its legs to ensure a closer, longer fight.

Evidence is also growing that some badgers are being transported back to gambling dens in cities, where up to £40,000 is reported to have changed hands on a fight.

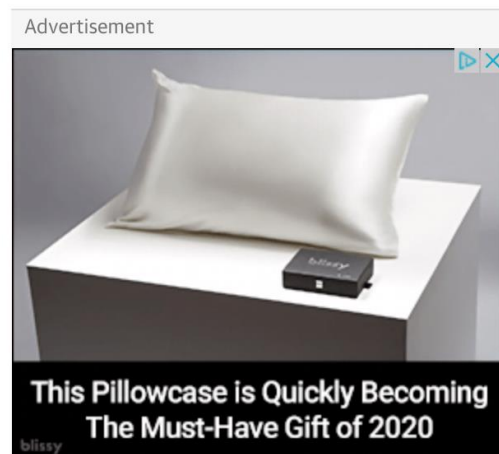
fight.

'These gangs operate very quickly. Once a badger is removed from its sett, it is often stabbed, shot or kicked and put in a sack for baiting later,' he said.

The killing upsurge comes amid calls for badger cruelty to be a recordable offence. More than 50 MPs are backing moves for legislation to be amended. They also want a loophole closed which prevents the police from investigating reports of badger-baiting on farms unless the landowner gives permission.

Officers believe some farmers encourage the killing of badgers on their land because they suspect that bovine tuberculosis is spread from badgers to cattle.

The maximum sentence for baiting is six months' imprisonment and a £5,000 fine.



## Source B

This is an eye witness account of rat-baiting events in October 1822, which was published in *The Sporting Magazine*.

*Thursday night, Oct. 24, at a quarter before eight o'clock, the lovers of rat-killing enjoyed a feast of delight in a prodigious raticide at the Cockpit, Westminster. The place was crowded. The famous dog Billy, of rat-killing notoriety, 26 lbs. weight, was wagered, for twenty sovereigns, to kill one hundred rats in twelve minutes. The rats were turned out loose at once in a 12-foot square, and the floor whitened, so that the rats might be visible to all. The set-to began, and Billy exerted himself to the utmost. At four minutes and three quarters, as the hero's head was covered with gore, he was removed from the pit, and his chaps being washed, he lapped some water to cool his throat. Again he entered the arena, and in vain did the unfortunate victims labour to obtain security by climbing against the sides of the pit, or by crouching beneath the hero. By twos and threes they were caught, and soon their mangled corpses proved the valour of the victor. Some of the flying enemy, more valiant than the rest, endeavoured by seizing this heroic dog by the ears, to procure a respite, or to sell their life as dearly as possible; but his grand paw soon swept off the buzzers, and consigned them to their fate.*

*At seven minutes and a quarter, or according to another watch, for there were two umpires and two watches, at seven minutes and seventeen seconds, the victor relinquished the glorious pursuit, for all his foes lay slaughtered on the ensanguined plain. Billy was then caressed and fondled by many; the dog is estimated by amateurs as a most dextrous animal; he is, unfortunately, what the French Monsieurs call borgne, that is, blind of an eye. This precious organ was lost to him some time since by the intrepidity of an inimical rat, which as he had not seized it in a proper place, turned round on its murderer, and reprimed him by one bite of the privilege of seeing with two eyes in future.*

*The dog BILLY, of rat-killing notoriety, on the evening of the 13th instant, again exhibited his surprising dexterity; he was wagered to kill one hundred rats within twelve minutes; but six minutes and twenty five seconds only elapsed, when every rat lay stretched on the gory plain, without the least symptom of life appearing.' Billy was decorated with a silver collar, and a number of ribband bows, and was led off amidst the applauses of the persons assembled."*

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Homework:

2. You need to refer to Source A and Source B for this question:

Use details from both sources. Write a summary of the different ways that people are involved in badger and rat baiting.

