

# INVASION

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# POWERFUL WORDS

- Setting the scene – especially a battle scene – in historical fiction is a great challenge.
- Effective scenes are created through the use of interesting and specific vocabulary.
- These words can be *adjectives*, *verbs*, *nouns* – anything – and they have the power to put the reader in the shoes of the characters.

# CHOOSE YOUR WORDS

- Read through one or two of the fictional chapters of *Invasion*.
- Pick out 5–7 individual words within the text that you think had an impact on your understanding and experience of the scene (for example, the word ‘booms’ on page 24 makes you feel the force of the loudspeaker).
- Make a list of these powerful words.

# WRITE YOUR OWN

- Using your list of words, write your own short scene.
- Be creative! It doesn't have to be a war scene, as it is in *Invasion*.
- Can you reuse the words in an entirely different way, but still set an exciting scene for your reader?