

Blueback

Synthesising Task: a letter from Dora

What would Dora want to pass on to her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter as they continue their lives in Longboat Bay?

What kind of legacy did Dora leave for her son's young family?

How do you think she would want to be remembered?

Your task is to write a letter from Dora to Abel, Stella and her granddaughter. What do you think she would want her son to know before she passed away? What kind of stories did she not have time to tell? What could she tell him about life in Longboat Bay and the work he is to continue there?

Your letter may be handwritten or typed. Try to inhabit Dora's personality; how might she have decorated the letter or delivered it to Abel? Think about her commitment to her husband's shrine and the kind of keepsakes she sent Abel when he was off at school.

Aim to write at least one page.