

Dumped! – A letter from Gerald Croft

Imagine that Gerald 'broke it off' with Daisy Renton by letter. Write the letter that he wrote to her.

Your letter should:

- 1) Be handwritten
- 2) Obey all the conventions for writing an informal letter.
- 3) Be informal by using contractions e.g. 'doesn't' and 'I'm'.
- 4) Have a suitable address in the correct place on the paper.
- 5) Be laid out in a proper letter form.
- 6) Contain several clear paragraphs.
- 7) Open with a suitable greeting and sign off with a suitable ending.

To get to know the character of Gerald Croft, try to use his language, which should be suitable for 1912, and to show the attitudes that he has towards her and to their affair.

- **'Absolutely first-class'** (pg. 2)
- Use of **'awfully'** as in 'I was awfully busy'. (pg. 2)
- Any reference to parents are **'my father'** and **'my mother'**. (pg. 4 & pg. 8)
- **'A bit fishy'**, meaning that others will think it is suspicious. (pg. 9)
- Use of **'all right'** – two separate words! (pg. 2)
- Calls Sheila **'darling'**. Would he use this term to Daisy? (pg. 26)
- **'...unpleasant'**. (pg. 27)
- His descriptions of Daisy – **'young and pretty'** (pg. 34)
- He **'didn't like the idea of her going back to the Palace bar'**. Might she have to do so now? (pg. 37) (She did: she met Eric there). Might he mention this?
- **'I didn't feel about her as she felt about me'**. (pg. 38)
- **'She was – very gallant'** about his breaking up with her. (pg. 38)
- **'She knew it couldn't last – hadn't expected it to'**. (pg. 39)
- **'I insisted on a parting gift of enough money'**. (pg. 39)

Notes:

Possibilities:

Explain why he's breaking the affair.

Remind Daisy that she's pretty and charming and should be all right in the future.

Somehow refer to how they met and how he hopes he's made her happy for a brief time.

Point out, gently, that he's never felt the way that she has and that she always knew it would end.

Address the issue of money – insisting and stating how much, perhaps suggesting how she could use it. Will he enclose a cheque?

Warn her against returning to the Palace music hall.

