

As the friends stepped into the deserted factory, Leandro felt a strange pain in his chest. High above him he noticed the rainbow on the dingy wall. Everywhere else was mouldy, damp and looked like it had been completely abandoned, but the rainbow was different. It was bright, vibrant and reminded Leandro of the stories his grandfather used to tell him about when the town was bright, when happiness and joy were still allowed.

While the others ran around the derelict factory, Leandro stopped, and thought back to what his grandfather said, imagining what life used to be like.

1. Why do you think the friends went to the factory?
2. Who might have put the rainbow there? Why?
3. Why might happiness and joy be banned?
4. What does the word 'dingy' tell you about the factory?
5. Imagine you are Leandro's grandfather. What stories might you have told Leandro?

Be a detective.



How are rainbows made?

What is a moonbow?

You can make your own rainbow. Find out how to do this.

When were the first factories created? What were conditions in Victorian factories like?

Bournville, Saltaire and Port Sunlight were revolutionary villages. Where are they? How were they different?

Find out about factories near you – what do they make? Where do they export to?



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