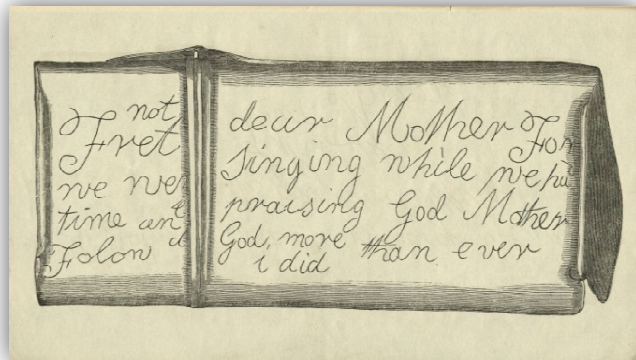


## Mining - An Inundation of Heaton Colliery

A dreadful mining accident occurred in one of the local mines in the North East. The following was recorded in the report made about the disaster.

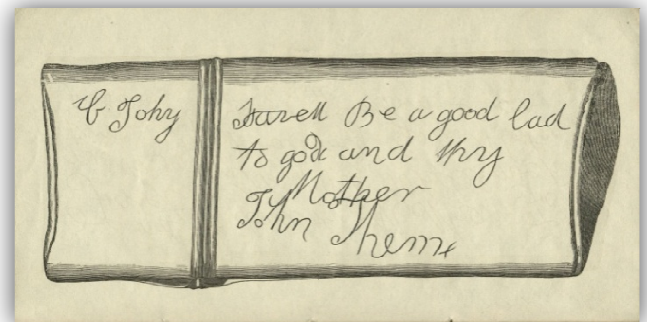
In a nail-chest was discovered the body of one of the lesser boys...a tin candle-box, in the pocket of...William Thew, on which was scratched a very touching letter to his widowed mother:



*"Fret not, dear mother, for we were singing while we had time, and praising God. Mother, follow God more than ever I did"*

And then on the other side, which, it is supposed, must have been dictated by his father, as it bears his signature, though he could not write:

*"If Johnny is saved, be a good lad to God, and thy mother"* - John Thew



### Task

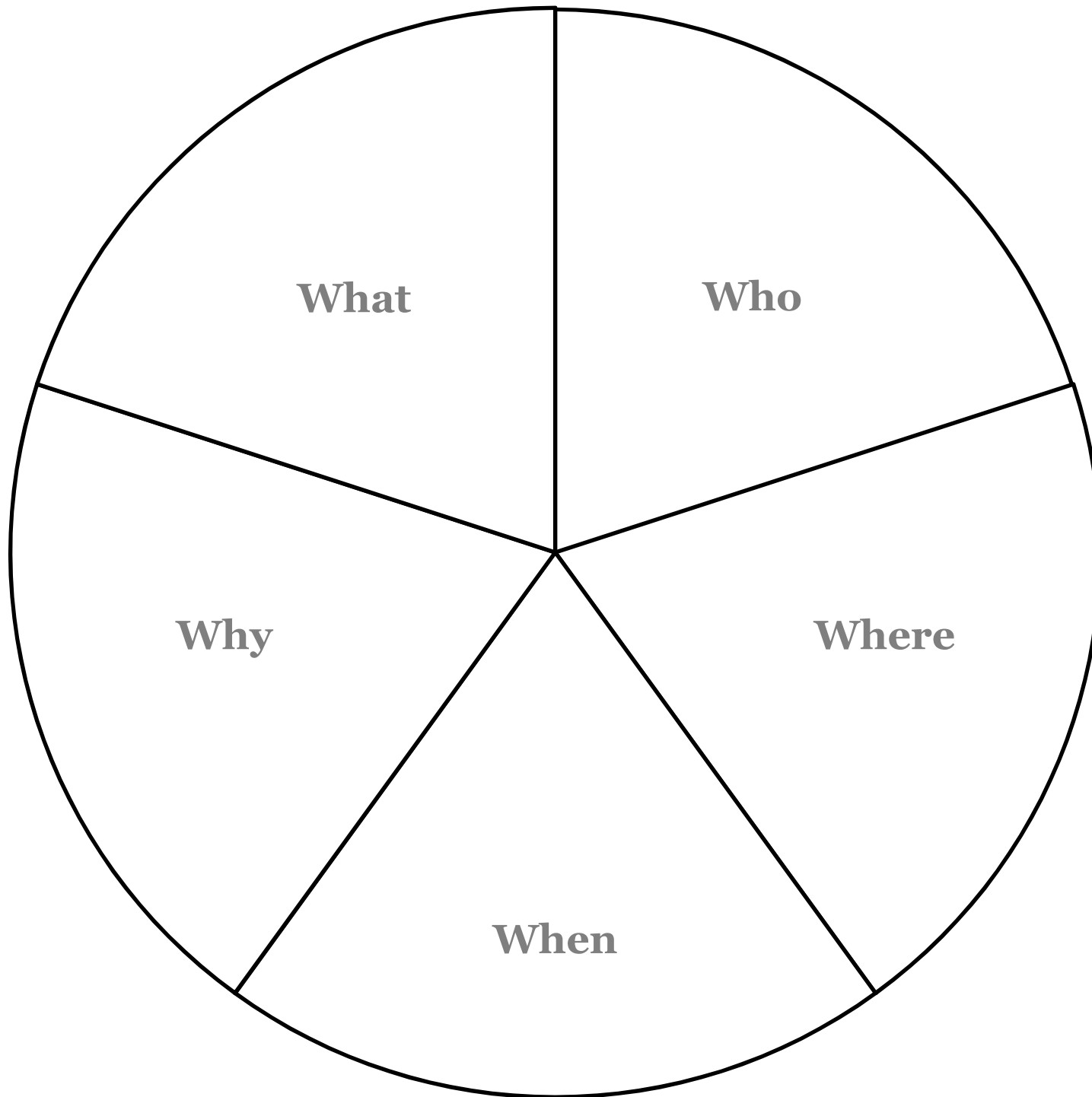
1. Carefully **read the captions** in the envelope.
2. Working either individually or in twos try to complete as much of the '**5ws graphic organiser**' as you can.
3. As a group **compare answers**.
4. Now come up with **three laws** (as a group) you would pass to make sure this disaster never happened again:-

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<p>May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1815, a dreadful accident took place in Heaton Main Colliery, near Newcastle-upon-Tyne.</p>	<p>At about half-past four o'clock on the morning of Wednesday water broke through the coal into the north-west part of the present colliery.</p>
<p>The water rushed in with dreadful rapidity, and flowing naturally to the lower parts of the workings, soon cut off the only means of escape.</p>	<p>Effort was immediately made to reach the spot where the men were supposed to be, from some other workings, but without success.</p>
<p>By this catastrophe seventy five persons (forty-one men and thirty-four boys) lost their lives, together with the whole stock of horses, which were down at the time.</p>	<p>From various difficulties, the bodies of these unfortunate men were not arrived at until upwards of nine months from the time of the accident.</p>
<p>On the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, 1816, the first human body of the sufferers was brought to bank, in a state of great decay.</p>	<p>Where the water had not risen to there were ten human bodies, and the carcasses of two horses found.</p>
<p>William Thew was the second son of John and Elizabeth Thew, and was seventeen years of age at the time of the catastrophe. His father, and an elder brother, aged twenty, named George, perished with him.</p>	<p>They had not died from hunger, as they had killed one of the horses and had cut slices off its hind quarter...They had likewise an abundant supply of spring water.</p>
<p>The exhaustion of the atmospheric air by the influx of water bringing with its foul air, was not doubt the cause of death, probably in a day or two at the most.</p>	<p>She readily recognised William's body by his fine auburn hair.</p>



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**Who**

**Where**

**When**

**Why**