

WORKING THERE

List 3 jobs done in the cinema in
in the 1930s and 1940s

Do people still do
those jobs today?

1.

YES / NO

2.

YES / NO

3.

YES / NO

Draw one of the uniforms someone
wore to work in the cinema

What job would you like to do in a cinema and why?

SILENT MOVIES

If there was no sound how did you know what people were saying?

Draw a character's expression... are they frightened? Are they happy? Are they angry? How can you tell?

Why was there sometimes a piano in the cinema?

SATURDAY MORNING PICTURES

What did children do at the Saturday morning pictures?

If you were making a film for children what would it be about?

Write your own Children's Club song

PROGRAMMING

Apart from films, what else could you see at the cinema as part of a show?

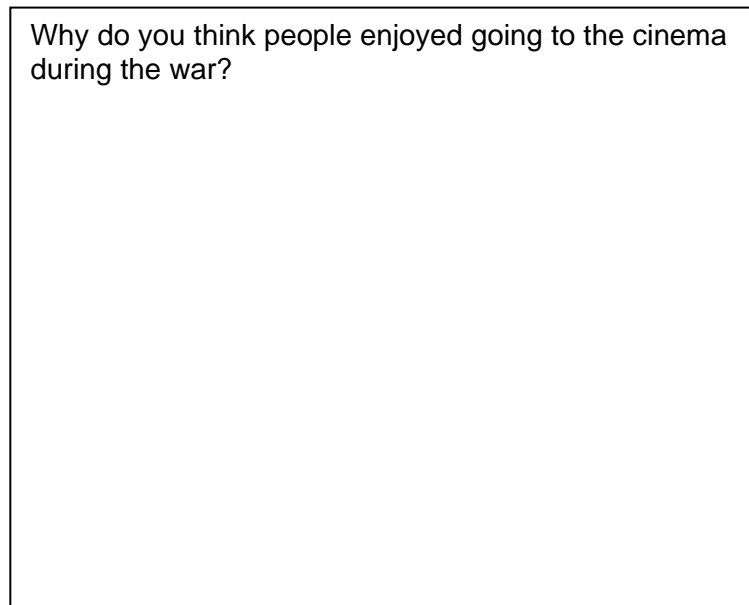
Design your own cinema programme.
What is on *the bill*?

WARTIME CINEMA

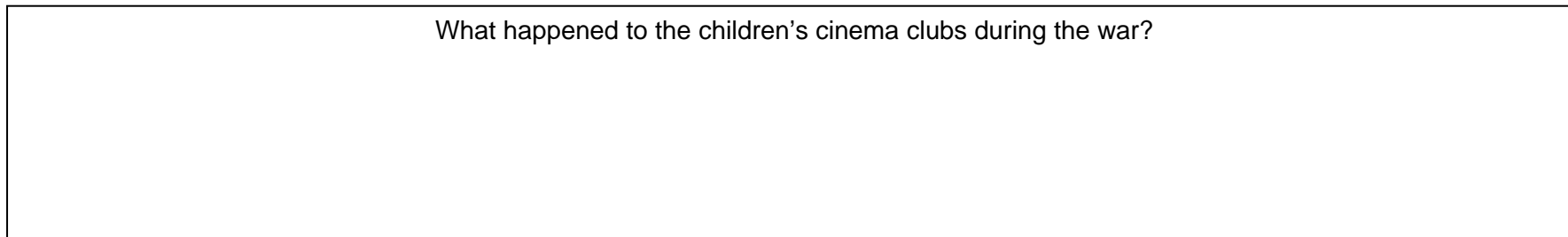
What happened if there was an air raid?
Design a sign to go up on the screen



Why do you think people enjoyed going to the cinema during the war?



What happened to the children's cinema clubs during the war?



CINEMA HISTORY

What can you find out about a cinema in your local area?

What kind of films did it use to show?

Was it a 'fleapit' or a 'palace'?

Has it changed its name?

When was it built?

Can you find anyone who remembers going there a long time ago?

Has the cinema been turned into something else? What is it used for now?

How are things different for people going to the cinema today and in the 1940s?

Design a cinema for the year 3000

FOOD AND DRINK

What kind of things people used to eat at the cinema?

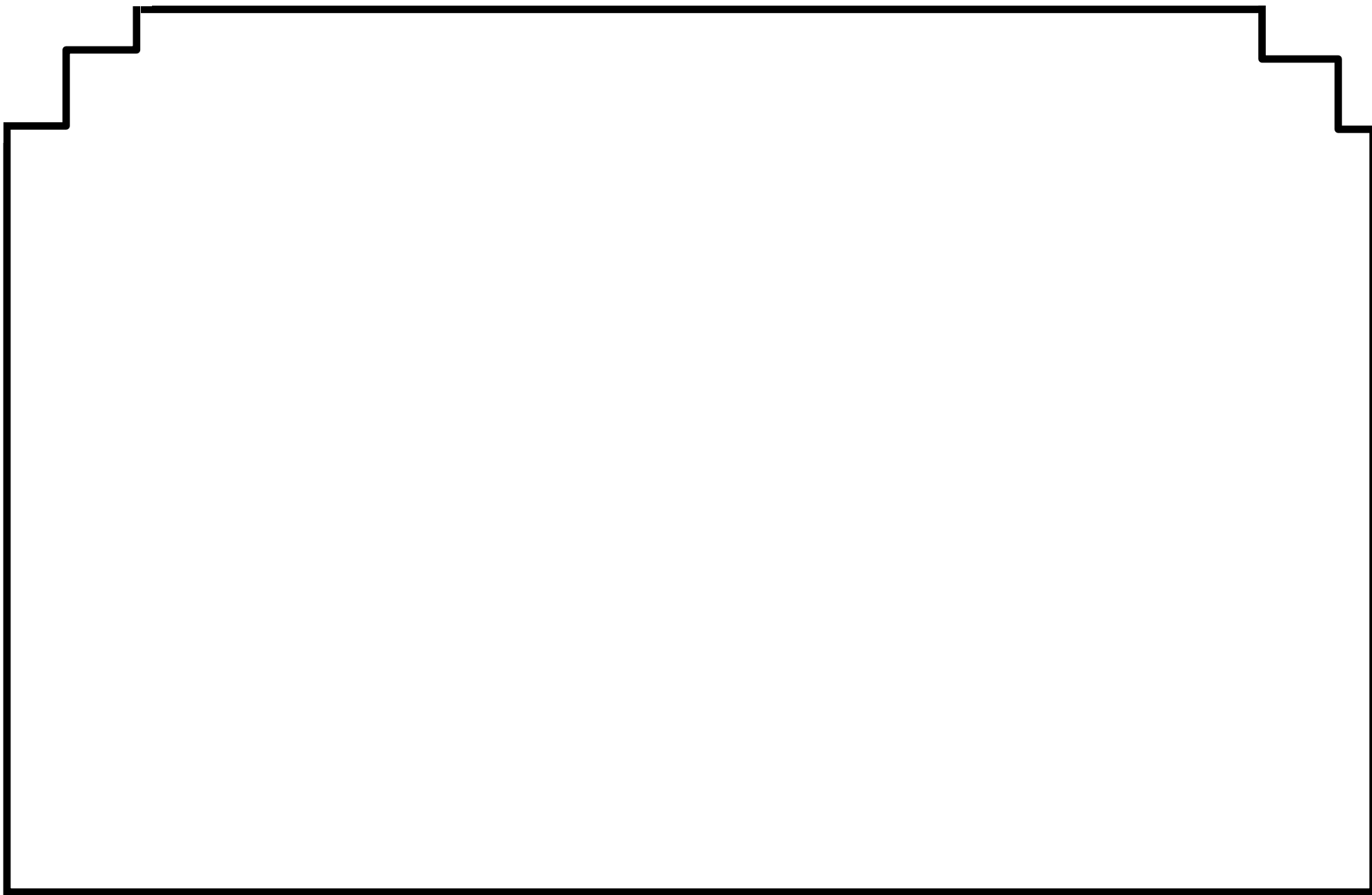
What kind of things do people eat at the cinema today?

PICTURE PALACES AND FLEAPITS

Why were cinemas called Picture Palaces?

What made a cinema a 'fleapit'?

What did a cinema organ look like? Can you draw one?



The screen Dreams exhibition presented information, images and ideas in panels.

These panel sheets give some ideas and activities that further explore the theme of cinema-going.

They could be used as worksheets or ideas for creating exhibition panels of your own.