

Essay title:
Compare Willy Russell's presentation of Mrs Kay and Mr Briggs

The play *Our Day Out* was written by Willy Russell in 1976.

- Explain what the play is about
- Explain who the characters are

Mrs Kay is one of the teachers. She is the one who has organised the trip for the progress class.

- Explain how Mrs Kay is introduced in the play
- Explain how Mrs Kay treats the children
- For each point you make, find a quote to show what you mean

Mr Briggs is another teacher, who ends up going on the trip.

- Explain why Mr Briggs goes on the trip
- Explain how Mr Briggs is introduced in the play
- Explain how Mr Briggs treats the children
- For each point you make, find a quote to show what you mean

One of the places the children visit is the zoo. They stop there before they go to the castle.

- Explain what happens at the zoo
- Say why you think Willy Russell has the children take the animals
- Explain how Mr Briggs reacts and how Mrs Kay reacts
- Say what you think of Mr Briggs's reaction. This is also what a theatre audience might think

Mr Briggs and Mrs Kay have an argument when they are at the castle.

- Explain why they have an argument
- What does Mr Briggs think of Mrs Kay?
- How does Willy Russell have Mrs Kay react?
- Find a quote

Mr Briggs changes after the incident with Carol.

- Explain what happens with Carol
- Say why this makes Mr Briggs change his mind
- Where does Mr Briggs decide to take the children?
- Find a quote to show Mr Briggs has changed

When they get back to Liverpool, the children have really enjoyed their day out.

- Say what happens with the photos
- Why do you think Willy Russell has Mr Briggs do this?

Overall

- Why and how does Willy Russell present us with two very different teachers?
- At the end of the play what might an audience think of them? Think about your own feelings towards them and use your reaction as the basis for your suggestions