



Turning Your Tree
into
a Tale





Peter Deschamps

1695	Born Soho, son of Isaac & Suzanne (nee Regnier)	Freedom of the press established
1696		New coinage issued
1698		Whitehall palace burned down
1700	Birth of sister Suzanne	New Huguenot chapel opened off Charing X road
1702		Death William III. Accession of Queen Anne.
1703		Hurricane in London
1704	Parents apply to charity for money (3 times)	
1705	Birth of brother Daniel. Parents apply again for money	Her Majesty's Theatre built
1707		Epidemic of flies in London
1708	Death of Daniel	Attempt to ban the May Fair
1709	Parents apply to charity for money (twice). Mother dies soon after.	

Peter Deschamps (contd)

1710	Apprenticed as an upholsterer to father	Riots in London
1711		London's first waxworks opened
1714		Coronation of <i>George I</i>
1715		Jacobite rebellion
1716		Leopard baiting in Soho. Founding of the French Hospital
1717	Marries Jeanne Bonouvrier	Inoculation against smallpox introduced into England by Lady Mary Wortley-Montagu

Newspapers

- Quarter Sessions
- Agricultural Prices
- Inquests
- Local events - church activities, schools, hospitals opened, fairs, etc.
- Advertisements: cinema, theatre, shops, prices of everyday things

Trade & Street Directories

- Places of worship
- Pubs
- Schools
- Neighbours
- Transport (carts, etc.)

1722



1876



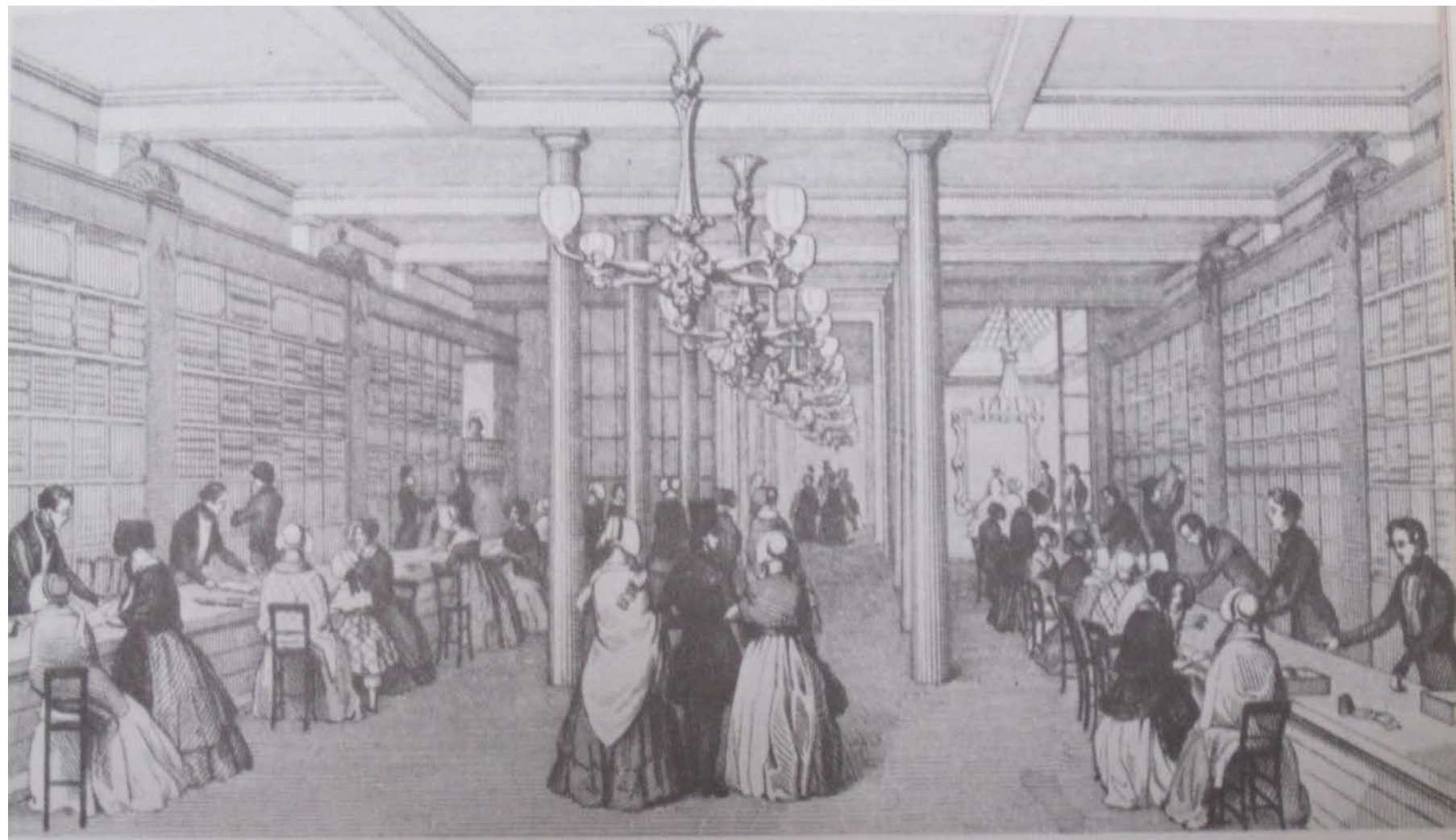
Local & Social History

- Diaries, memoirs and autobiographies
- School textbooks for
 - Medicine
 - Transport
 - Industrial developments
- Shire books

Major Events

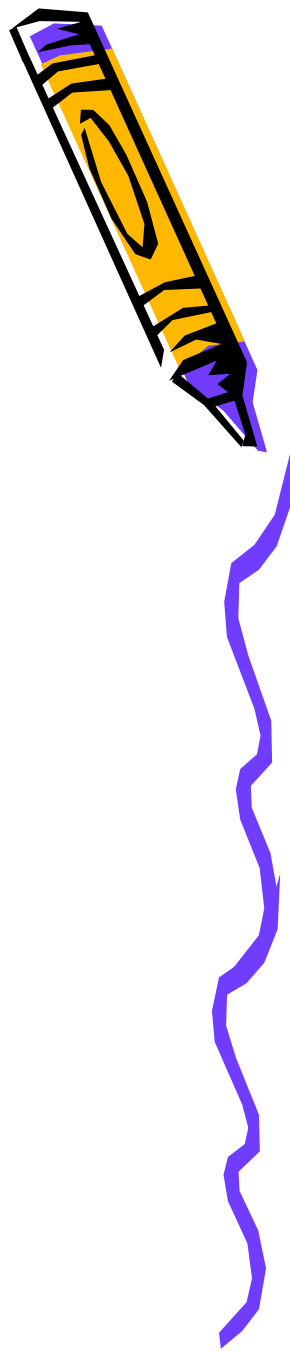
- Birth
- Siblings
- First day at school
- First day at work (apprenticeship?)
- Marriage
- Children
- Retirement
- Death





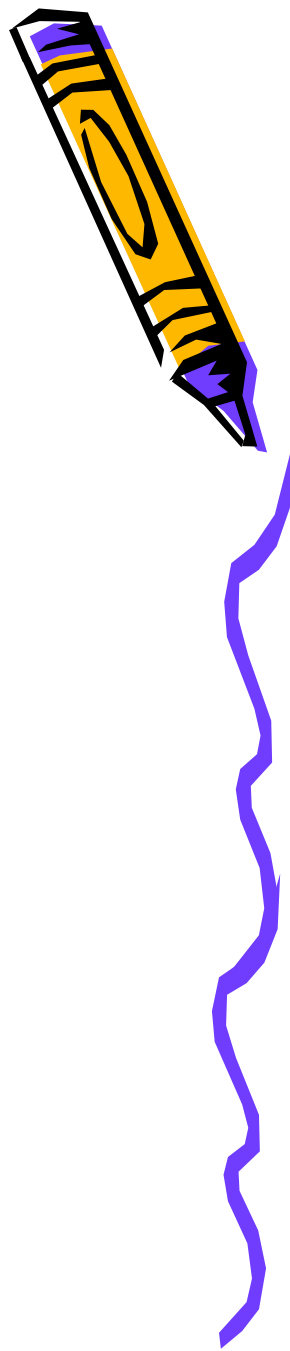
Six Honest Serving Men

- Who?
- What?
- Why?
- When?
- Where?
- How?



Five Senses

- Sight
- Hearing
- Touch
- Smell
- Taste



Typical Day

HIS	HERS
Get up	Get up
Breakfast	Breakfast
Go to work	Work (housework/in family business)
Lunch	Lunch
Work	Work
Come home	Family arrive home
Dinner	Dinner
Evening activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clubs• Allotment• Social events	Evening activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mending/sewing• Job• Social events

Leisure time

- Church
- Holidays
- Hobbies
- Shopping
- Books they might have read
- Films/plays/shows they might have seen

Learning more

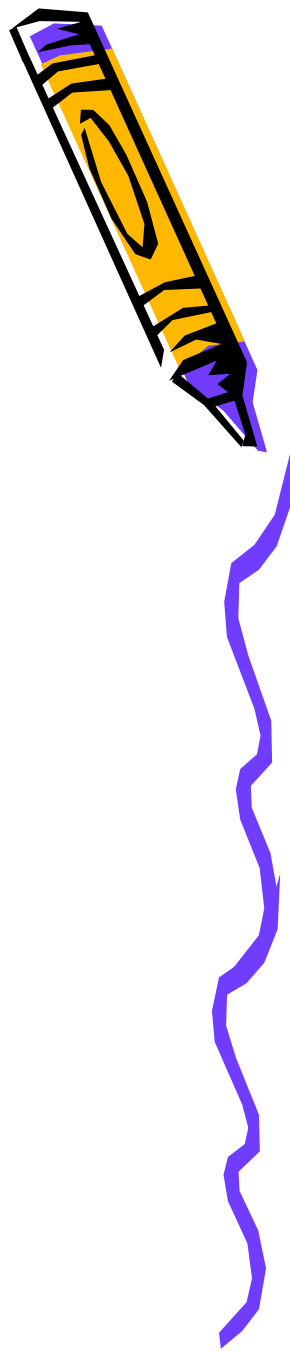
- Specialist museums
 - Jewish museum
 - Museum of Rural Life
- Re-enactments
 - Sealed Knot
 - Victorian schools

National Picture

- Wars
- Industrialisation
- Technological changes
- Social changes
- Changes in the law (e.g. adoption)

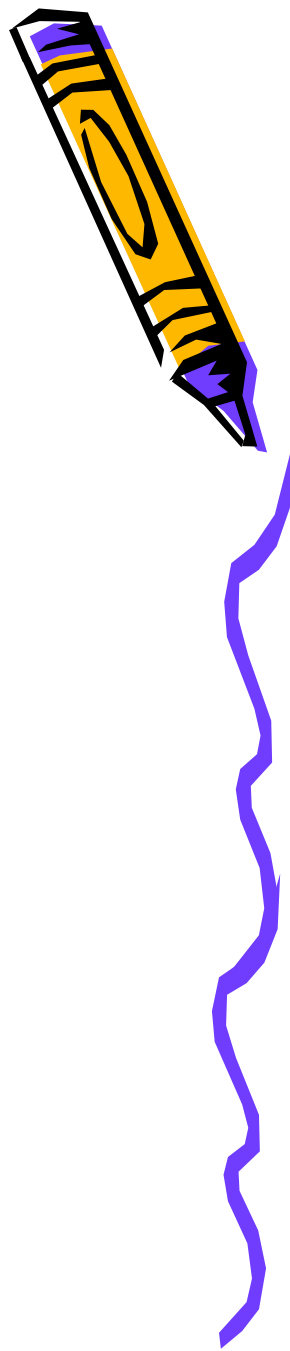
Writing it all up

- Style
 - Journalistic/factual
 - Novelistic/fictionalise



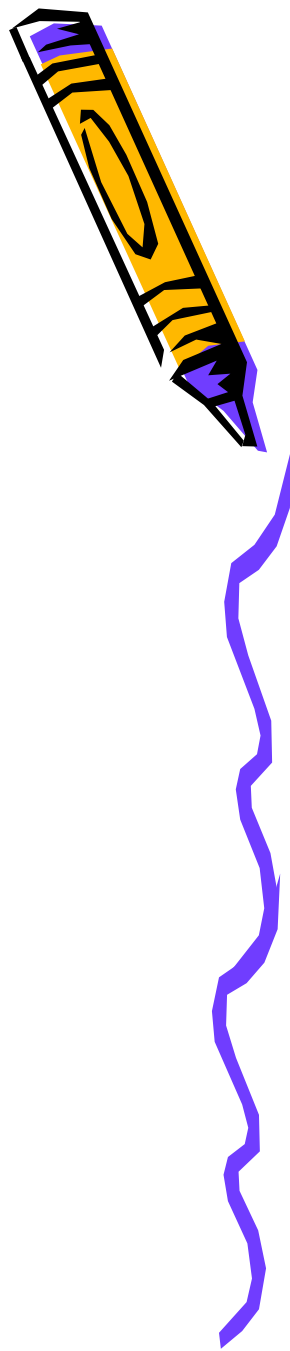
Add interest

- Conflict
 - Between people
 - Moral/ethical conflicts
 - Struggle against events



Remember...

CHARACTER IS DESTINY



Keeping the reader reading

- Cliffhangers
 - Weave two stories together
- Make 'em wait.....

Feedback

- *Get someone else to read it*
- *Join a writer's circle*

Publishing

- DIY for the family
- Self-publishing (local printers)
- Commercial

THE END

