The youngest boys, would be apprentices of 8 years old. Their daily meal would be potato, lard, bread, and possibly bacon as a treat. There was no electricity or gas to cook with only tallow candles. How did their life compare to children’s lives today?
Honister Mine Workers

Are the workers wearing any special clothes? What does their clothing tell you about the jobs they did?

What tools are they holding? Why? What were they used for?

What jobs do you think these workers did in the mine?

Why did they have a dog with them?

Who were the young boys? What were they doing with the workers?

How do you think they were feeling?

Were they just about to go home or start work? How do you know?

Why were these workers together?
Imagine you are one of the miners below; Use the template below to write a postcard/letter home. You could even use some Cumbrian dialect (speech) to show how they would have spoken. Also remember, they probably couldn’t write well. So this time, mistakes on purpose are fine!

Honister Mine Workers

Date:

Dear,

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Yours