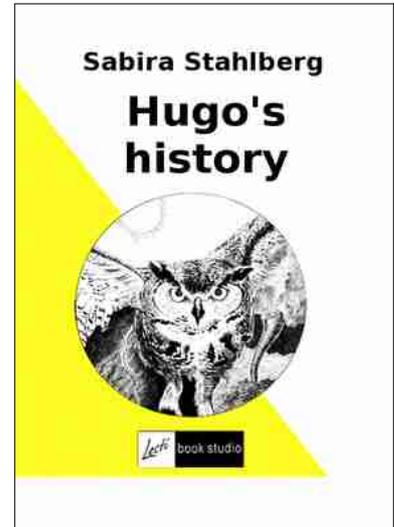


## Hugo's history

*Hugo's history* discusses climate changes. The visible level is Hugo's story about various periods of time. There are also questions about what we can do in everyday life.

At the same time the book is about the history of humanity from the Ice Age until now, industrialisation and about how humans have influenced the climate and what kind of future we wish to have.



### Discussion:

Which thoughts did the story bring to you?  
What would you do in Hugo's situation?  
Compare the key at the end with the story.  
Discuss how the climate has changed during the past seven thousand years.  
How do humans influence the climate? Give examples.  
What kind of climate do you want to have?  
What does the future look like, do you think?  
What kind of future do you want to have?

**Tasks:** Write a story about one of the pictures in the book.  
Answer the questions at the end of the book. What can you do yourself?  
Describe a period of time in history and tell how the climate affected it.

# Hugo's history: reading comprehension

## Chapter 1: Hugo's ancestor

1. kept track of the weather every day
2. was scared of the Ice Age
3. held on to the traditions

The family has

1. a tradition of stories
2. seen ploughs of bronze and iron
3. been flooded one spring

## Chapter 2: Hull travels to Rome

1. to see a volcano erupt
2. to fall ill in the heat
3. to tell those at home about the volcano

The volcano

1. spurted out ashes and lava
2. made the smoke cover the sun
3. created poisonous gases which can kill

## Chapter 3: The Vikings journeyed

1. eastwards for trade
2. and burnt down forest because they needed firewood
3. bathed in warm springs

Hulda wanted to go to

1. a new and exciting island
2. beautiful nature
3. a calm and warm climate

## Chapter 4: The climate

1. affects health and life
2. contains both dry and rainy periods
3. is made up of the weather during a long time



### The Black Death

1. came during the Middle Ages
2. arrived with a ship full of rats
3. brought starvation and death

### **Chapter 5:** Little Ice Age

1. meant freezing weather and nothing grew
2. forced people to wear furs
3. changed food habits and lifestyles

### Hubert returned

1. with news of warmth and food
2. with potatoes and vegetables
3. to skate on the sea

### **Chapter 6:** People

1. built factories and towns of wood
2. cut down forests for firewood
3. caused flooding through dams

### Changes

1. happened without anybody noticing
2. took a long time
3. killed plants and animals

### **Chapter 7:** The cities

1. have comfortable houses
2. use beneficial technology
3. contain poisonous air

### The world's resources

1. are quickly used up
2. tolerate much more than we think
3. increase with technology

### **Chapter 8:** War

1. destroys houses and forests
2. kills people and animals
3. pollutes the air



### Destruction

1. causes shortage of food and housing
2. creates a shortage of raw materials
3. makes people afraid

### **Chapter 9:** The neighbour has bought a spray bottle, because he wants to

1. kill insects
2. get a clean house
3. let the children play with it

### When the insects die

1. plants and fruit trees cannot be pollinated
2. there is no food for the birds
3. there are no mosquitoes to bite you in summer

### **Chapter 10:** We can change our lives

1. by thinking about the consequences
2. when the changes are big
3. by avoiding plastic bags

### If we want, we can

1. give up our lifestyle
2. avoid plastic and poisons
3. eat healthier food

## Hugo's history: explain words

**Chapter 1:** out of breath, climate, tradition, change, ancestor, plough, flooded

**Chapter 2:** volcano, eruption, suspect, epidemics, perfect, lava, suffocate

**Chapter 3:** seeds, coniferous forest, cultivation, grain, graze, iceberg, domestic animal, warm springs

**Chapter 4:** health, solar cycle, influence, Middle Ages, attack, starve, temperature, afterwards

**Chapter 5:** invention, period, mould, solution, typhoid fever, continent, equator, tropics

**Chapter 6:** keep an eye on, conscious, unstable, not understanding, saw mill, mines, difficult, worrying

**Chapter 7:** benefit, relatives, technology, feel good, environment, resource, greenhouse, layer

**Chapter 8:** war, shooting, weapon, regret, generation, experience, produce, raw material

**Chapter 9:** average, cockroach, damage, gas, chemicals, harvest, lifestyle, opinion

**Chapter 10:** accelerate, car exhaust, pollution, stubborn, brake, opposite, balance, view

