

A legend.  
A legacy.  
A lifetime of inspiration.



	<b>EVENT</b> in Eric's life. And what Eric and his family do.	<b>CONTEXT</b> What's going on in the world at this time?	What's your first <b>JUDGEMENT</b> about this decision? What would you have done?	Why did they do that? What <b>FACTORS</b> influenced them? What <b>MOTIVATED</b> them?	Evidence of <b>PASSION</b> <b>COMPASSION</b> <b>INTEGRITY</b> ?
1	1902 - Eric is born in Tientsin in China	The Boxer Rebellion are targeting Christians.			
2	1908 - Eric's parents send Eric and his older brother Rob to a boarding school in London. Eric is 6 and will not see his parents again until he is 12.	Missionary families expected to spend long periods of time apart from one another. A British education was thought to be better.			
3	1924 - Eric is one of the fastest men in the world over 100m, but he refuses to take part in the event at the Olympic Games that year, because the heats for the race are to be run on a Sunday.	No Scot had ever won an Olympic Gold Medal.			
4	1925 - Eric is one of the most famous sportsmen in the world, but decides to return to China to teach at a Mission School in Tientsin.	China is a very dangerous place. Warlords and their armies are fighting each other for control.			

5	<p>1937 - Eric decides to leave the school where he has been teaching in Tientsin and work as a missionary in Xiaochang, 178 miles away, leaving his wife, Florence and their two little girls, Patricia and Heather back in Tientsin.</p>	<p>The Japanese are currently invading China. Xiaochang is a very poor and difficult place to live, it is also in the centre of the fighting between the Japanese and the Chinese armies.</p>			
6	<p>1939-40 - Eric, his wife and their daughters go on furlough, travelling to Canada and the UK.</p> <p>On the way back to China via Canada their ship is hit by a torpedo.</p>	<p>World War II is well underway and U boats are constantly attacking ships.</p>			
7	<p>1941 - Eric and his wife decide that it is safer for her and the girls to go to Canada. Eric decides to stay in China. They will never see him again and their youngest daughter Maureen will never know her father.</p>	<p>Japan is now at war with the USA and Britain. The fighting in China became part of the Second World War.</p>			
8	<p>Whilst in the Internment camp, Eric teaches the children there and runs sports for them. He umpires a hockey game on a Sunday, which is completely against his principles.</p>	<p>Eric had told the youngsters of the camp that there would be no games on Sundays. Many of the young people protested against the ban and decided to organise a hockey game by themselves - girls versus boys.</p>			

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