A Burker Tale told by Stanley Robertson

1. Listen to the tale told by Stanley: <http://tobarandualchais.co.uk/en/fullrecord/65216>
2. Where does Stanley say he got the story from?
3. Who were the Burkers? How did they get their name?
4. Why do you think members of the Traveller community were especially scared of Burkers?
5. Listen to the story again.
6. Draw or write about what happens in the story:
7. There are many Burker stories told by Travellers. Why you think they told so many Burker tales?
8. Cant is the language spoken by some Traveller communities. How is it used in this story?
9. Try your hand at translation:

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| Here is the rhyme using some Cant words | What do you think it means?  Translate it into English. | Use the glossary to check your translation. Do you need to make any changes? |
| Pipe how the hashie gobbles, Pipe how the hashie hahs, Shan culloch, shan pottach, Bing avree an fech awa.  Hah aa the hantle's habben, Hah aa the hantle's hah, Fech the neddies tae yer noggin But dinnae sloch the hantle's slab. |  |  |

1. How trustworthy do you think the story is? Can we learn anything about history from listening to this story?