



Who do you think you are?

History Project

Name:



The Great War
1914-1918



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The Project

Research your family history and discover how your family was involved in the First World War. You will gather the information, do the research and produce a detailed report on your relative.

Timeline of the Project

One Talk to relatives and decide who in your family you want to research. If you do not have a relative of your own with military history in the First World War, choose one from the list on page 3.

Research and complete details of the individual, include as much detail as you can about their personal life and military career (pages 5 & 6).

Two Using books and the internet, research details on the military regiment that your relative was a member of. Find out as much information as you can that would help describe and explain what their experiences in the war would have been like (pages 7 & 8).

Three Use the information you have gathered to put together a detailed report on your individual. Use page 9 to help plan your report, remember to include pictures and diagrams to supplement the text. Using word processor, print and submit your final copy as a doc or docx to your teacher by the agreed date.

The final result will form part of a pan-European project we are working on with UCAPE schools and the best materials will be uploaded to the project website. You will be given the link to this.



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Starting the project

Name of the individual	
Are they related to you? How?	
Military regiment (e.g. Royal Scots Fusiliers)	

The best starting place for this project is talking to relatives; find out if they are aware of anyone in your family history that fought in the First World War. By talking to elderly relatives, you might find that are willing to provide you lots of information and might even have pictures and stories that could be of use.

The minimum information you need to know is their name, how they are related to you and what military regiment they belonged to.

If you cannot find a relative that fought in the First World War, you can pick one of these famous people and research them.

- William Hackett, winner of the Victoria Cross
- Frederick Barter, winner of the Victoria Cross
 - Wilfred Owen, famous anti-war poet
 - Harry Farr, executed for cowardice
- Clive S. Lewis, author of The Chronicles of Narnia
 - Baron von Richthofen
 - Paul von Hindenburg
 - Maréchal Pétain
 - Maréchal Joffre



UK Websites to help your research

Commonwealth War Graves Commission www.cwgc.org

If your relative died during the First World War you can use this website to track down when they died and where they are buried. It will also provide additional information on where they lived and who their parents were.

The National Archives www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/first-world-war

The National Archives holds thousands of documents on the First World War, including information on individual soldiers and regiments. Although they charge for some of these details the majority of information is freely available.

Operation War Diary www.operationwardiary.org

Created by the Imperial War Museum, this website contains the official war diaries of many of the regiments of the First World War. You can use this information to look at specific dates and find out what they were doing. For example, if a relative died on a certain date you can find where they were.

The London Gazette www.thegazette.co.uk

Website of the official newspaper of Parliament, by searching the online archives you can find details of promotions and gallantry awards (e.g. The Victoria Cross).

Roll of Honour www.roll-of-honour.com

The names of all those who died in the First World War are recorded on war memorials, this website aims to detail which memorial they are on.

BBC World War One www.bbc.co.uk/ww1

The BBC website is a fantastic resource for information on the First World War, use it to find out about military units and major battles.



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Details of the individual you are researching

Personal Details

Full Name	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Names of Parents	
Name of Wife/Husband	
Names of Children	

Relationship to You – *Draw family tree.*



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Military Details

Regiment or Unit	
Rank	
Military Number	
Awards/Medals	
Date of recruitment	
Missing/Killed in Action When? Where? Memorial/Burial?	

Other Details

(Civilian jobs, family members in the army, life after the war, etc.)



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Details of the individuals military experience

Regiment Details

Regiment or Unit	
Date they were founded/created	
Famous battles	
Famous soldiers/awards/stories	
Details about the Regiment Examples: What did they do? Where were they? How many soldiers did they have? How many died? What weapons did they use?	



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Timeline of the regiment during the war

1914	
1915	
1916	
1917	
1918	
1919	

Planning



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Introduction

Details about the individual

Details about their military experiences

Conclusion



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Other additional details/notes