

FIRST NEWS WW1 and WW2

NEWSPAPER TEACHING RESOURCES – OVERVIEW

These World War newspaper teaching resources support *First News'* WW1 and WW2 newspaper editions. They are suitable for both KS2 and KS3 lessons, and aimed at students working at levels 4 to 6. The activities are intended to give pupils a greater knowledge and understanding of the key events in both conflicts – as well as the art of newspaper writing.

WW1 ACTIVITIES

Part 1: Get to know WWI

● **WW1 News Quiz** This quiz activity, with its focus on information retrieval, encourages pupils to read the newspaper from cover to cover and provides a useful overview for your class of the key events which shaped the Great War. A **glossary**, to help with key vocabulary is included.

● **Look Closer** An in-depth reading comprehension focusing on one article from the WW1 newspaper, 'Christmas truces spread' – about the temporary ceasefire in the Western Front trenches. Can pupils find the facts (AF2), interpret the information (AF3) and work out why the journalist wrote and presented the story in the way they have (AF4-7)? Each question's assessment focus (AF2-7), along with suggested levels (L4-L6), is given in the teacher answers.



Part 2: Get writing!

● **Write your own newspaper article** Based on the Animal section of the WW1 newspaper edition, these worksheet-based activities help pupils to learn key features of a newspaper article and write their own article about a WW1 animal hero.

Extension ideas

- If you are covering **WW1 poetry** with your class, ask pupils to look at the differences and similarities between the details in the 'Life on the front line' feature and what pupils find out from the poems. How do the two texts succeed in communicating the conditions of the WW1 trenches?
- Instead of the animal article, pupils could write an article about life in the trenches, based on the 'Life on the front line' feature and 'Thousands die at the Battle of the Somme'. The newspaper writing resources will also help them with this activity.
- **Discover more on the Christmas truce:** The Christmas truce story is retold in Michael Foreman's Smarties Book Prize winning 'War Game Village Green To No-Man's-Land' and has been made into a short animated film. A eyewitness account of the Christmas truce is contained in a letter from Lieutenant Sir Edward Hulse to his mother: <http://ww1daily.com/christmas-truce-1914-eyewitness-report-events-lt-sir-edward-hulse/>. Hear about the WW1 Christmas truce from the soldiers themselves on the Imperial War Museum's First World War Centenary website Podcast 9: The Christmas truce (A transcript accompanies the podcast) <http://www.1914.org/podcasts/podcast-9-the-christmas-truce/>

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WW2 ACTIVITIES

Part 1: Get to know WW2

● **WW2 News Quiz** This quiz activity, with its focus on information retrieval, encourages pupils to read the newspaper from cover to cover and provides a useful overview for your class of the key events which shaped the Second World War. A **glossary**, to help with key vocabulary, is included.

● **Look Closer** An in-depth reading comprehension focusing on one article from the WW2 newspaper, 'Auschwitz – the most famous camp of all'. Can pupils find the facts (AF2), interpret the information (AF3) and work out why the journalist wrote and presented the story in the way they have (AF4-7)? Each question's assessment focus (AF2-7), along with suggested levels (L4-L6), is given in the teacher answers.



Part 2: Get writing!

● **Write your own newspaper article** Based on the Animal section of the WW2 newspaper edition, these worksheet-based activities help pupils to learn key features of an article and write their own article.

Extension ideas

● **How the other side saw things** Germany suffered heavy bombing in WW2 too, as shown in the article 'Dresden destroyed by Allies'. How might a German newspaper have covered the same event? Pupils can write an article from the German point of view about the bombing of Dresden. The newspaper writing resources support this article activity.

● **Discover more on the D-Day Landings** with the Normandy Tourist Board's Educational Resource Pack: 'The D-Day Landings & the Battle of Normandy' <http://www.firstnews.co.uk/forschools/explore-normandy>.

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