

Teacher's Notes – WWI Home Front Horsham

The selection of activities in this topic are designed to support the exploration of the experiences of local people on the Home Front during WWI. The information and activities are mainly aimed at Key Stage 2 pupils although a small amount of the material could potentially be used at Key Stage 1. The activities are supported by local resources in particular the Albery Poster Collection. The activities and worksheets link the topic to curriculum subjects such as; history, English, art and design, computing and maths as detailed below.

Introduction Presentation

2 versions: one that has only images and separate presentation notes and one that has the text on the pages and could be printed.

Learning Objective

Pupils will gain an understanding of the basic facts of how WW1 began and the key themes regarding home front Horsham to be studied in the activities and worksheets.

Age group

Recommended for Key Stage (1) - 2 (the image only slides are more suitable for KS1 as the amount of information can of course be adapted but in general the presentation and this topic is more suitable for KS2)

Description

Three documents are available - a PDF image-only presentation, the notes to accompany the image only presentation and a PDF where the notes have been combined with the presentation images and could be printed off as a classroom guide for older students. The presentation and classroom guide contain an overview of the causes of the war and introduces the themes of recruitment, conscription, home front war work, new technology, rationing, peace and remembrance.

Curriculum Links

The documents are linked to the history curriculum's overall aims to ensure all pupils:

- understand the connections between local, regional, national and international history

Specifically the Key stage 1 History requirement for pupils to be taught about significant events, people and places in their own locality.

And the Key stage 2 History requirement to study an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.

Teaching ideas

The image only PDF can be used as a presentation in the classroom with the separate notes on the presentation for you to use to explain each slide. The version with the text on the slides themselves could be a useful print out back up as there is a lot of information for pupils to take in. These are useful introductions to the topic and the Home front themes that are featured in our activities.

Further information

For information on **War Front** experiences from a local perspective do try:

Knight, J. and Mitchell, J. 2014 *Horsham on the Front Line* Horsham Museum Society

Cooper, G. 20 *Horsham's Heroes of the Great War 1914-1919*

West Sussex County Council, 2014, *Great War West Sussex 1914-1918*,

http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/learning/learning_resources/great_war_west_sussex_1914-18.aspx



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Activity – Flag Day

Learning Objective

- Pupils will learn the meaning of a flag day
- Pupils will produce their own piece of design work

Age group

Recommended for Key Stages 1-2

Description

A brief overview of what a Flag Day was with reference to a specific Flag Day held in Horsham during the War. Instructions and space to create their own Flag design.

Curriculum Links

History

This activity is linked to the history curriculum's overall aims to ensure all pupils:

- understand the connections between local, regional, national and international history

Also to the Key stage 1 History requirement for pupils to be taught about significant events, people and places in their own locality.

And the Key stage 2 History requirement to study an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.

Art

This activity is linked to the art curriculum's overall aim to produce creative work.

Teaching ideas

If using this with Key stage 1 students, it is recommended to read through the information on the Flag Day and the instructions with them before they have a go with designing.

For Key Stage 2 students they could look further online with a simple google search for examples of flags and designs to spark their imaginations. There could also be a competitive aspect introduced – e.g. the class votes for a favourite design and that design is printed/made into badges for a school event.



Worksheet 1 – War Work

Learning Objective

Pupils will understand and be able to give examples of the kinds of war-time activities different members of society took part in.

Age group

Key Stage 2

Description

A background information sheet on WW1 wartime activities undertaken by men, women and children. Followed by activity sheets and characters to colour in and posters to cut out to create 'profiles' for differing war-time characters.

Curriculum Links

History

This activity is linked to the history curriculum's overall aims to ensure all pupils:

- understand the connections between local, regional, national and international history

And the Key stage 2 History requirement to study an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.

Teaching ideas

The background information could be read through with the younger classes in particular to make sure everyone understands. The full set of profiles could be filled individually by pupils or each part could be separated (e.g. blank profiles in one pile, characters in another, posters in a third), then a group of four pupils has to divide them up correctly and make one profile each.

Further Information

Further discussion of what other kinds of activities people across the country took part in during war-time could be introduced and discussed using websites such as BBC History World War One Schools for Primary: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1/25827997>



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Worksheet 2 - Propaganda

Learning Objective

- Pupils will understand the meaning of propaganda
- Pupils will create a PowerPoint presentation that demonstrates understanding of the aspects of language and design on a poster that are persuasive.

Age group

Upper Key Stage 2, years 5-6

Description

The exercise document has an overview of the principles of propaganda with suggested links and books to view national and local propaganda posters from WWI. Followed by an example of how to identify emphasised and persuasive points on a poster.

The PowerPoint template has a title page, a page containing copies of four of our recruitment posters which can be moved onto the following pages and used by the students for their presentations.

NB: the poster images can be used for educational purposes in this exercise but should not be reproduced for any other purpose without permission from Horsham Museum (contact details are provided on the website www.horshamposters.com)

Curriculum Links

History

This activity is linked to the history curriculum's overall aims to ensure all pupils:

- understand the connections between local, regional, national and international history

And the Key stage 2 History requirement to study an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.

Computing

This activity is linked to the computing curriculum's overall purpose of ensuring that pupils become digitally literate – able to use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through, information and communication technology.

Specifically linked to the Key Stage 2 aim of using software to design and create content that accomplishes given goals, including presenting data and information.

Teaching ideas

The background information and the suggested resources will help give examples of propaganda posters to help the pupils understand the principles discussed but adding any other examples you have access to will help. Going over the poster example with the class to make sure everyone understands could be useful. The PowerPoint template can be downloaded and copied as necessary for the pupils to alter. They can work individually or in groups to develop their presentations and then present them to the class.



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Worksheet 3 - Rationing

Learning Objective

Pupils will gain an understanding of rationing in World War One and how it affected the lives of local people.

Age group

Recommended for Key Stage 2

Description

A background information sheet on rationing and how it was introduced in WW1. A primary source based exercise based on posters and newspaper articles about rationing in Horsham. A short exercise about the kinds of foods rationed and how they would affect a families daily meals. A war-time recipe to try out in the classroom taken from genuine recipes listed in the West Sussex County Times during the War.

Curriculum Links

History

This activity is linked to the history curriculum's overall aims to ensure all pupils:

- understand the connections between local, regional, national and international history

Also the Key stage 2 History requirement to study an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.

Teaching ideas

The information about rationing could be read through with younger classes. It is recommended that pupils work in pairs or groups for exercise 1. They will need copies of the sources at the back of the document. And the question sheet. For activity two this could again be done in pairs then discussed with the class. The recipe is just one example of war-time cookery and further research may provide more recipes to try.

This exercise could link to looking at rationing in both World Wars as of course it was a key aspect of WWII as well.



Explore the Archive – Letters to the Front

Learning Objective

Pupils will use the Horsham Posters archive and their imagination to produce a piece of creative writing.

Age group

Recommended for Upper Key Stage 2 (years 5-6)

Description

Information about the importance of letters and an example letter from a soldier sent to a Horsham School boy. Activity description using the Horsham Posters website and other resources to help pupils create their own piece of creative writing.

Curriculum Links

History

This activity is linked to the history curriculum's overall aims to ensure all pupils:

- understand the connections between local, regional, national and international history

Also the Key stage 2 History requirement to study an aspect of history or a site dating from a period beyond 1066 that is significant in the locality.

Computing

This activity is linked to the computing curriculum's aim to use search technologies effectively, appreciate how results are selected and ranked, and be discerning in evaluating digital content.

English

This activity is linked to the overall aim to ensure that all pupils:

- write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences

Specifically it will provide the opportunity to practice composition skills including:

- planning their writing: identifying the audience and purpose of their writing, selecting the appropriate form and drawing on reading and research for initial ideas.
- Draft and write: selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary to enhance meaning and use devices to build cohesion within and across passages.
- Evaluate and edit: assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing, proposing changes, checking the tense and grammar is correct and consistent.

Teaching ideas

This can be done independently by pupils but will require access to computers for research. Suggest class does the research first to allow individuals/groups to explore the posters online. There are [top tips for searching on the poster website](#) which will help. The letters produced independently by pupils could perhaps be read to the class, exchanged between pupils or displayed for others to read.

N.B.1. As pupils are searching for a **subject** they need to use the **Select Posters** functions not the **Key words** search or it will not work

N.B.2. if students do use the **Key word** search for further research please be aware that the search is set to OR searches only and will not process AND searches. E.g. Broadbridge Heath will look for all poster descriptions using the words Broadbridge OR Heath.



Extension activities

Contact our education officers to book a school workshop where they will bring World War One Horsham to life with artefacts, role-play and a detailed look at other posters from the collection – their details are on the website www.horshamposters.com.

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