

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART A – HISTORICAL BIOGRAPHY

A biography is an account of a person's life. You are to write a 750 word biography of an Australian who was involved in or affected by World War I.

- You may choose someone from your own family or the local area, or you may choose a well-known person. See the back of this sheet for suggestions.
- Use reliable books and websites to begin your research. Include information from primary sources, such as letters, diaries, photographs and newspapers of the time.
- Include a reference list of the sources (books and websites) you use.

Your biography should include information on the following aspects:

Family background

- When and where were they born?
- How old were they at the start of the war, and what was their role in the family?
- What work did they do before the war began?

Wartime experiences if individual joined up

- When did they join up, what branch of the defence force did they join?
- Where did they serve?
- What were their most memorable experiences?

OR

Wartime experiences if individual was on the home front

- Where did they live during the war?
- What work did they do?
- How did they contribute to the war effort?

Impact of the war

- Did the individual or members of their family suffer death, injury, sickness or disability as a result of the war?
- Were their efforts during the war acknowledged? How? If not, why not?
- What role did the individual play in Australian society after the war?
- In your opinion, what was the effect of the war on your individual?

SUBMITTING YOUR WORK

- Your biography should be 750 words, not including captions for photographs and quotes from sources.
- It must be word processed and printed in a 12 point font.
- Print on only one side of the paper. Staple pages together.
- Include a bibliography of the sources you use (books and websites).
- You must submit a printed assignment – USB drives, CDs and email attachments will not be accepted.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART B - TIMELINE

- Create a timeline of key events associated with Australia in World War I.
- Choose a scale for your timeline (e.g. 1 year = 10 cm). It can be as large or small as you like. The scale needs to be written on the timeline.
- Place key events on your timeline, including the beginning and the end of the war, but mainly issues and events affecting Australia.
- Include events on the home front as well as the battle front.
- Indicate on your timeline the events and issues that affected the life of the individual you have chosen for Part A.
- Use paper, cardboard or fabric for your timeline. Use colour and images for visual appeal. However, clarity, accuracy and relevance are most important.

BEFORE YOU HAND IN YOUR WORK

Make sure any images you use on your timeline are firmly attached.

Your timeline should be securely folded or rolled.

Your name and class should be on the back of your timeline.

MARKING GUIDELINES

| Criteria | 0 -1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| Relevant events are included, for both battle front and home front | | | | |
| Events are correctly sequenced and scale is accurately applied | | | | |
| Links with the biography individual are clearly and accurately shown | | | | |
| Written information is well set out and clearly expressed | | | | |
| Timeline is visually appealing with imaginative use of colour and images | | | | |

TEACHER FEEDBACK

YEAR 9 HISTORY RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT: PART B

Where do I start?

- Katoomba High School Library
- Blue Mountains Library:
www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/yourcommunity/library/librarycatalogue
- Australian War Memorial website: www.awm.gov.au
- State Library of New South Wales: www.slnsw.gov.au
- Australian Dictionary of Biography: www.adb.anu.edu.au
- Katoomba RSL (Returned Services League):
www.katoombarsl.com.au/katoomba-rsl-sub-branch
- Grandparents or other relatives

Who do I research?

The person you choose to research could be someone who joined the defence force or someone whose wartime experience was on the home front, for example

- a serviceman or woman in the Australian Army, Navy or Airforce
- a nurse or doctor
- a journalist or war historian
- an official war artist, photographer or film-maker
- a prisoner of war (POW) or person interned as an ‘enemy alien’
- someone who opposed the war e.g. a pacifist or conscientious objector
- someone who worked for the war effort on the home front
- someone who did voluntary work on the home front or overseas

Remember Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people served in World War I.

Some well-known Australians from the time of World War I

| Soldiers, sailors, airmen and nurses | Civilians |
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| Charles Bean, war historian | Billy Hughes |
| Captain Hugo Throssell, AIF | Daniel Mannix |
| General John Monash, AIF | Charles Kingsford Smith |
| Lance Corporal Albert Jacka, AIF | Paul Dubotski |
| Sister Rachel Pratt, AANS | Frank Hurley |
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