

History:

First World War - Lesson 1 (Celebrating Heroes)

Overview

Examining how Salford war heroes were celebrated at the end of World War One and looking at some of their heroic actions.

Purpose

To appreciate the heroism of Salford servicemen during World War One.

Objectives

To explain and persuade people through the creation of a speech to honour Salford war heroes.

Lesson plan

Activity	Time	Resources	Outcomes
Listen to Lloyd George's speech about creating a 'land fit for heroes'. Pupils note some ideas about what sort of land this might be. Explain that this is the theme behind all lessons in this unit.	 10 min	Lloyd George speech.	Ideas about 'land fit for heroes' noted.
Look at Civic Reception programme and invitation. Discussion about what this shows, possible questions.	 10 min	Programme and Invitation.	Questions noted, both written and oral.
Research into heroic actions, noting some common features in the acts of bravery. Each pupil to select one heroic act and explain why it is particularly impressive.	 20 min	Cards to show heroic deeds.	Explanation of a selected act of bravery.
Prepare a speech for the Mayor of Salford to make as he congratulates the servicemen. Read some of these out and discuss as a class.	 20 min	Use all previous for guidance.	Draft of a speech.

Additional Activities

For lessons longer than an hour or for extension activities to continue the theme into another lesson or homework, the following ideas may be useful.

Activity 1

Write down some words to explain how the Salford servicemen and their families might feel when praised by the mayor at the Civic Reception.

Activity 2

As well as this Civic Reception, what else would you expect Salford servicemen to receive for their part in the First World War? This could be written as a list or as a speech by somebody campaigning for better treatment for war heroes after 1918. (Perhaps compare with the campaign for better treatment for Gurkhas, led by Joanna Lumley and others, in recent years.)