



One Day in a World War

What can we learn from the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission about the extent to which this was a 'world war'?

Task 1. Quickly look at the data and complete this summary table...

Areas of focus (eg Army, Canadian casualties etc)	Date	Total number of casualties	Where are they commemorated? List the countries. This is often where they were involved in the fighting and where they died.

Task 2. Explore the data and record the information for at least 4 individuals. Try to choose people who represent the 'world war'.

	Name	Rank	Unit/Regiment	Age	Where were they from? Record place names	Where are they commemorated? (Country)	Name of cemetery or memorial
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							

Task 3. On the map below, mark the countries where people you have discovered came from.

Task 4. Using a different colour, mark the countries where they are commemorated today.

Task 5. Share your findings with others in the class and add more examples to your map.



Task 6. Use the story card to write a short summary about the person on your card, using the key facts to add additional information to their story.

So, what can we learn from the records of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission about the extent to which this was a 'world war'?

1.

2.

3.

Overall...

Extension or follow up tasks...

Option 1

One story...



Your task is to research one of those people who you recorded in Task 2. What can you discover about who this person was and what happened to them?

1. Visit cwgc.org
2. Go to **Find Records**
3. Select **Find War Dead**
4. Click on the **How to Research** button
5. **Download** the relevant guide
6. Use the step-by-step guide to research your chosen individual

Create a fact file about them and what you can discover about who they were and what happened to them.

7. Add your research to the CWGC stories portal – [For Evermore](#)

Option 2

One site...



Pick one of the CWGC cemeteries or memorials which you recorded in Task 2. What can you learn about this site?

1. Visit cwgc.org
2. Go to **Visit us**
3. Select **Find Cemeteries and Memorials**
4. Enter the name of the cemetery or memorial

Create a fact file about the cemetery or memorial.

- Where is it?
- Why is it there?
- How many are commemorated there?
- What can you learn about those who are commemorated there?

Option 3

One Day...



Everyone you have looked at died on Saturday 16th September 1916.

What can you discover about the battles and actions being fought on this day?

- Where were they being fought?
- Who was involved?
- What was happening?

Can you find maps or images to help explain what was happening on this day?