

Writing to inform, explain, describe

Your task is to write an information leaflet or poster about the First World War poets for students your age. The purpose is to explain why poets wrote during WW1.

The information should therefore include:

- The beginning and end date of the First World War.
- The main countries involved.
- The number of soldiers killed or missing overall and for some of the major battles.
- Why recruitment posters were used and why and how they were effective.
- Information about Jessie Pope and how her poetry encouraged young men to feel patriotic and enthusiastic about fighting.
- Information about Wilfred Owen and his views on the war. His birth and death date. The particularly poignant fact about the news of his death.
- Information about Siegfried Sassoon and his views on the war. His birth and death date.
- Copy at least one of the war poems we have already looked at into Word and annotate it so a reader of your poster or leaflet can see how the language used is effective.

Presenting your information

- Think about what appeals to you – pictures, small pieces of text, fact boxes and statistics all help maintain the reader's interest.
- Make sure the leaflet or poster is eye-catching.
- Don't just download information off the internet – select appropriate pieces to use and re-write it in your own words. Remember you are being assessed on **your** writing skills ... I don't need to assess the writing of people who contribute to web pages.
- Go to the library and see if you can borrow a book on WW1: you will find just as much useful information there as on the internet and there is not so much irrelevant material to sift through.