



Journey's End

Background to World War One (1914-1918)

1. Explain what life was like in the trenches. Comment on: living conditions, food, hygiene and threat of death.
 2. How was life different for the staff officers?
 3. What happened once they went “over the top”?
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4. Using the resource sheet on the Battle of the Somme, explain what the scale of deaths were like.
 5. How do you think the government, persuaded people to sign up?
 6. Look at the propaganda posters. How were they designed to persuade?
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7. There were two sides to the war, the side promoted by the government and the reality faced by the soldiers. Explain how you think the two sides were different and the reasons for these differences.

Journey's End is set in the trenches during World War One, this information, will be the backdrop for the play.