

The Trench Project – Unit 2 Project

To show a full understanding of life in the trenches and the living/working conditions of Canadian soldiers. Choose one of the following options to complete this project. Due: _____

Option 1: Build a physical trench using tools from the dollar store. Be sure to label it and be accurate. Evaluation sheet included.

Option 2: Create a series of letters from the point of view of a soldier throughout the war. Instructions included.

Option 3: Using technology (like the Minecraft game modeled in class), create a trench and then videotape going through the trench and explain each area created. Use the same evaluation as option 1.

Option 4: If you are more of a creative student, you can create a comic strip/storybook to describe the building of a trench. Use the same evaluation as option 1.

Trench Project – Option 2

You are to write 3 detailed letters as if you were a soldier.

Letter 1

You have just signed up for war. Explain why you have done this.

Describe the testing you went through

You are there!!! You are experiencing life at war.

Describe what you see – sleeping arrangements, eating your first meals before going to the trench.

Explain what the trenches look like in detail. How did you build them? What was essential to the building of the trenches?

What is your mood as a soldier? What have you newly learned?

Letter 3

It has been 2 years. You are a sergeant now in the war.

Describe what trench life is really like in detail.

Explain your mood as a soldier.

What have you seen?

What would you tell others if you really could back home?

Each letter should be close to a page in length with many details from our class notes, activities, and movies/videos.

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Trench Project Essential components:

- 2 opposing sides of the trench. At least one side needs at least one communication trench and one support trench
- Proper colour accuracy!
- Accuracy inside the trench (duckboards, support boards, firing step)
- 2 covered machine gun emplacements (pillboxes)
- Accuracy on the battlefield (building remains, shell craters, etc.)
- Sandbags – accurate look and placement on both opposing trenches
- Barbed wire – accurate look and placement on both opposing sides
- At least one communication wire
- Underground dugouts – one on each side with appropriate inside inclusions
- Trench rats/empty cans/etc. to add to the trench accuracy
- At least one Relief tent/Medical tent
- If building the trench/animating the trench, you are required to use tags/descriptors and a legend to explain each component. In the written format, you are expected to name each component.
- ****Be sure that your inclusions are historically accurate – that any added tanks, etc. look like those from the time period****