

## Grade 8 Social Sciences Worksheet

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### First World War

The class divides into groups of six. Each group researches ONE of the following topics and presents it as a poster display / model / PowerPoint presentation.

1. The causes of the First World War  
Report must include a map of Europe, showing the major countries involved.
2. Technology of the War  
Report must include pictures / models and some technical information.
3. Three battles  
At least one must be a naval battle and the Battle of Delville Wood, plus one other.  
The report must include at least one map per battle and an assessment of the tactics and outcome.
4. Trench warfare  
The report must include a model.
5. The impact of the War on South Africa  
The report must include personal accounts of the war experience by South Africans.
6. The sinking of the SS Mende  
The report must include a discussion of the role of black South Africans in the War.

The assignment is to be presented to the class in an oral presentation supported by a poster / PowerPoint presentation or model.

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### Assessment Tools

Level	Poster / PowerPoint / model [8]	Written report [8]	Oral [8]	Bibliography [8]	Class assessment [8]
4	Neat and attractive; effective use of colours and pictures; headings are clear and visible from the back of the class. Excellent summary of information.	The report is neatly laid out; sources are presented well (for example in frames) and logically related to the text.	The speaker spoke clearly and confidently, using the poster / PowerPoint presentation effectively. All topics covered. Did not need to refer to notes to speak.	An excellent variety of sources and forms of evidence are accessed and properly acknowledged, supporting the argument fully.	Excellent. Informative and entertaining.
3	Neat and attractive. Visibility is a problem. Good summary of information.	The report is neat, but layout is a bit haphazard.	The speaker spoke clearly and confidently, using the poster / PowerPoint effectively. All topics covered. Did need to refer to notes to speak.	At least three sources are referred to and properly acknowledged, supporting the argument.	Good. Interesting information.
2	Untidy, poor use of colours, incomplete information.	The report is untidy and sources are not well presented.	Speaker referred constantly to notes.	Only 1 or 2 sources are referred to.	Not clear what was going on.

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<b>1</b>	Messy and inadequate.	Presentation is messy, errors are scribbled out, sources are not separated from the text in style in any way.	Read the report, no eye contact with audience.	Sources do not support the argument and have little relevance. Not properly referenced.	Patch and inadequate.
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