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how the exhibition was designed

The exhibition was designed and executed by a group of IST students who were involved in the trip. All of these students volunteered to give up their free time to produce panels, sculptures, dramatic pieces, artworks and collages about the trip.

This handout is a much shorter version of the activity pack that students from Years 5-13 will be using in history lessons this week.

the "character cards"

Before you visit the exhibition you will be given a "character card". This tells you about the life of one person *during and after* the war.

Your task is to find out the name of your character by matching up your card to one of the "character cards" on display on the walls. These cards tell you about the lives of people **before** the war.

Character number	What is their name?	What happened to them before the war?	What happened to them during / after the war?

The teachers/guides will be able to tell you later if you got the answer right!

the 'personal thoughts'

Ask your guide to answer the following questions for you and then write down their answers in the space provided.

a. Of all the places we visited, the one I will remember most is...

b. The most important thing I learned from the battlefields trip is...

Your impressions

Your guide will show you around the exhibition. Once they have talked you through the various exhibits and panels, answer this question:

What is the most interesting thing you have learned from the exhibition?

The Great War in Numbers: Guess FIVE of these!

Your Name:

- After going round the exhibition, write your "guess" for <u>FIVE</u> of the following statistics (the number will always be between 1 and 100).
- The teacher / guides can later tell you the "actual" answers. Calculate the absolute difference between the two numbers in each row.
- Add up the total of your "difference" column to get an overall score. The lower the score, the better you did. Were there any statistics you found particularly surprising?

		Guess	Actual	Difference
1	Amount of times the Western front trench network could have encircled the globe			
2	Commonwealth military killed: unidentified (hundreds of thousands)			
3	Cm squared of land available for each man commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial			
4	Commonwealth soldiers killed per step towards Passchendaele ridge (thousands)			
5	Commonwealth soldiers killed on first day of the Somme (thousands)			
6	Estimated artillery shells fired in Battle of Verdun (millions)			
7	Estimated civilians killed in Great War: Non-influenza (millions)			
8	Estimated combatants killed, all nations (millions)			
9	Estimated combatants maimed for life, all nations (millions)			
10	Estimated wounded soldiers, all nations (millions)			
11	Length of Western Front in miles October 1914 (hundreds)			
12	Men executed by the British army for cowardice (hundreds)			
13	Minimum deaths in 1918 Spanish Influenza Pandemic (millions)			
14	Number of soldiers killed on the last day of the war, Nov. 11 th 1918 (thousands)			
15	Rounds per minute fired by Lewis machine gun (hundreds)			
16	Soldiers mobilized by all belligerents in Great War (millions)			
17	Total Commonwealth casualties, 1st day of the Battle of the Somme (thousands)			
18	Victoria Crosses awarded in the Great War (hundreds)			
19	Women killed in Silvertown armaments factory explosion, London (hundreds)			
	Total			

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1	Amount of times the Western front trench network could have encircled the globe	03
2	Commonwealth military killed: unidentified (hundreds of thousands)	05
3	Cm squared of land available for each man commemorated at Tyne Cot Memorial	05
4	Commonwealth soldiers killed per step towards Passchendaele ridge (thousands)	20
5	Commonwealth soldiers killed on first day of the Somme (thousands)	20
6	Estimated artillery shells fired in Battle of Verdun (millions)	32
7	Estimated civilians killed in Great War: Non-influenza (millions)	08
8	Estimated combatants killed, all nations (millions)	08
9	Estimated combatants maimed for life, all nations (millions)	07
10	Estimated wounded soldiers, all nations (millions)	19
11	Length of Western Front in miles October 1914 (hundreds)	05
12	Men executed by the British army for cowardice (hundreds)	03
13	Minimum deaths in 1918 Spanish Influenza Pandemic (millions)	21
14	Number of soldiers killed on the last day of the war, Nov. 11 th 1918 (thousands)	10
15	Rounds per minute fired by Lewis machine gun (hundreds)	04
16	Soldiers mobilized by all belligerents in Great War (millions)	61
17	Total Commonwealth casualties, 1st day on the Somme (thousands)	60
18	Victoria Crosses awarded in the Great War (hundreds)	06
19	Women killed in Silvertown armaments factory explosion, London (hundreds)	03
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