

LESSON 1: RECRUITMENT



LESSON AIM:

To create a recruitment poster with a Dundee theme to attract men to join the fight.

SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF LEARNING:

SAL 4: becoming aware of change, cause and effect, sequence and chronology.

GLAD THAT I KILLED YER!

1. Glad that I killed yer –
It was you or me :
Our bayonets locked,
And then I pulled mine free ;
My heart beat like to burst ;
But Gawd, I got in first –
Glad that I killed yer!

2. Glad that I killed yer,
Though you are so young :
How still you lie
With both your arms outflung :
There's red blood on your hair –
Well, what the Hell I care? –
Glad that I killed yer!

3. Glad that I killed yer –
You're my enemy ;
I had to hate –
And you – you hated me ;
You mightn't be to blame –
I killed yer just the same –
Glad that I killed yer!

4. Glad that I killed yer –
That's the game o' war ;
But for my luck
I'd lie just like you are ;
Your blood is on my hand –
Surely you understand
I *had* to kill yer?

5. Glad that I killed yer –
Yet I can't forget
The look you gave me
When we turned – and met –
Why do you follow me with staring eye?
Was it so difficult a thing to die –
Gawd! When I killed yer?

6. Glad that I killed yer –
Yet I'm sorry, too,
For those will wait
So long at home for you :
I have a mother living down at Bow –
Thank Gawd for this that yours will never know
'Twas I that killed yer!

7. Glad that I killed yer –
It was you or me :
It does seem strange,
But it had got to be,
My heart beat like to burst,
But Gawd, I got in first –
Glad that I killed yer!

Joseph Lee



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RECRUITMENT POSTER ACTIVITY

Your task is to investigate the reasons so many Dundonian men wanted to join the army.

You are to plan, design and create a Great War Recruitment poster.

It should have a link to Dundee either in the picture you draw or the words you use to encourage men to join up.

ADVENTURE!

Few men would have ventured over the Tay in 1914, Brechin may have been as far as they had ever been!

Many men joined the army hoping for adventure, the chance to be a hero!

AT THE FRONT!



**Every fit Briton
should join our brave men
at the Front.**

ENLIST NOW.

GUILT!

This poster is trying to make men feel guilty if they did not join up.

It was hoped that men would feel awkward or ashamed if they were the only one in their street not to join the army.



PATRIOTISM!

Things may have changed slightly over the past 100 years but this poster was effective in making men want to fight to protect their 'King and Country'.

This is Lord Kitchener, leader of the British Army, and this poster made men feel like he was speaking directly to them.

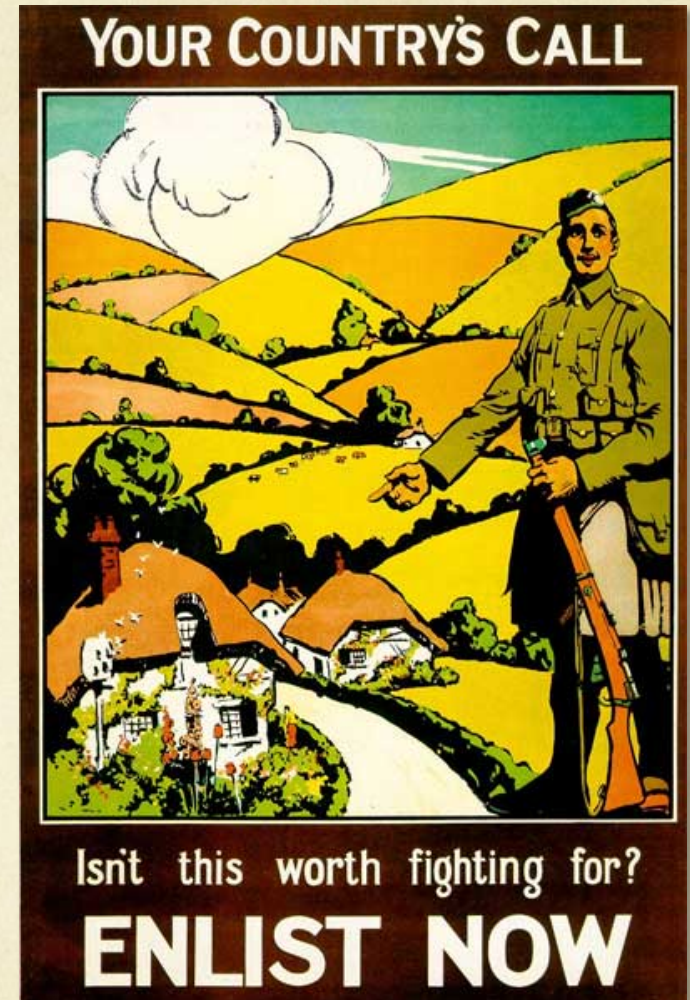
Perhaps your poster could appeal to men to fight to defend Dundee Marmalade and Dundee Cake!



ROMANCE!

This poster made men feel proud of their beautiful country and want to protect it.

It should not be hard to create a poster using the bonnie 'City of Discovery' as a backdrop to encourage men to sign up!



SHAME!

Men did not want to be called 'cowards'.

These posters made men think that it would be good to have a heroic war story to tell to their children.

