

Canadian History 621A Cenotaph Project

Assignment Type Major

Due Dates: April 29 (Phase 1)
 May 13 (Phase 2)
 June 3 (Final Project)

Value: 10% of Course Credit

This semester, each student has been made responsible for conducting research and compiling a wartime biography of a soldier from the First World War. We are following the model created by Blake Seward of Smiths Falls, Ontario, called the Lest We Forget Project. We have pared the project to suit our needs and renamed it the Cenotaph Project for this class.

Some valuable sites to consult during this project:

- MRHS Cenotaph Project: <http://cenotaphproject.wordpress.com/>
- Lest We Forget Project: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/cenotaph/index-e.html>

After we decide upon a soldier, each student is required - without constant supervision or intervention from Mr Coffin - to follow the instructions and complete this project. It is very important for students to spend quality time on the [MRHS Cenotaph Project](#) page so they do not miss any steps in the research process.

As we continue researching our soldiers for the Cenotaph Project, we will set deadlines for submission of the research elements. It is important to meet each deadline, as it will determine whether or not students are fully participating in each part of the research phase. The first phase includes the examination of each soldier’s attestation papers. The second phase includes a brief overview of the soldier’s war records upon delivery from Library and Archives Canada. The final submission includes the written submission which students compile after thorough examination of soldiers’ war records.

The following due dates have been set for the Cenotaph Project:

Wednesday, April 29: Phase One - Examination of Attestation Papers

- ⇒ Students must print off and fill in [Service Personnel Information](#) sheets (available under Cenotaph Project Templates).
- ⇒ Students must also print off and submit the attestation papers of their soldiers.
- ⇒ In approximately 500 words, create a fictional history of your chosen soldier (up until the date of his enlistment), based on what you have been able to discover from studying his attestation papers.

Wednesday, May 13: Phase Two - Early Examination of War Record

- ⇒ Students must print off and fill in [Military Service Record](#) sheets (available under Cenotaph Project Templates).
- ⇒ In a bulleted list of 15 to 20 items, reveal fifteen to twenty facts and/or interesting things you have discovered about your soldier during your preliminary research of your soldier.

Wednesday, June 3: Final Submission

- ⇒ The final submission is students’ choice, although it must follow the format as outlined in the MRHS Cenotaph Project (see the [essay on Clarence Garfield Mainse](#) in the Collections Canada site).
 - ⇒ It may be prepared as a traditional research paper, a PowerPoint presentation, website, or other creative format.
 - ⇒ It must demonstrate careful study and investigation of your chosen soldier.
 - ⇒ War records must be returned with final projects.
 - ⇒ If student’s investigation of the war record is not sufficient, then marks may be withheld until an appropriate amount of attention is paid to the subject matter.

Assessment:

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PHASES	CRITERIA TO BE ASSESSED	DUE DATE	EXCELLENT		STRONG		ADEQUATE		WEAK	
Phase One	Service Personnel Information Sheet & Attestation Papers	April 29	4		3		2		1	
Phase One	Fictional History	April 29	4		3		2		1	
Phase Two	Military Service Record	May 13	4		3		2		1	
Phase Two	Bulleted List	May 13	4		3		2		1	
Final Project	Quality of Research:	June 3	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Final Project	Drawing Conclusions from Research:	June 3	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Final Project	Creating an Appropriate Tribute:	June 3	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Final Project	Use of Research Time in Lab:	June 3	4		3		2		1	
Final Project	Coffin Caliber Score:	June 3	4		3		2		1	
Final Project	Submission of All Materials (No points awarded in this category, although they may be taken away if parts are missing):						+/-			
Total Cenotaph Project Grade:										/48