

## **All Quiet on the Western Front Assignment**

### **Letter from the Front**

The most common way for soldiers to communicate with loved ones during WWI was to write letters. Free time in the trenches was spent writing letters and waiting for the mail to come.

For this assignment, you are responsible for creating two letters like the ones a soldier might have written to a loved one at home. The first letter will reflect the feelings and experiences of a soldier who has just joined the army. The second letter will be from the viewpoint of a soldier as the war ends and will show how the war changes people. Each letter will be at least ½ of a page.

#### **Letter #1**

This letter should be from the beginning of the war as the soldier begins to experience the preparation or start of the war.

The letter includes the following:

A date from when you are writing from (sometime in 1914)

Someone you trust to address the letter to (Friend, Wife, Sibling, Parent)

1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph- Tells about your experiences (Training and first arriving at the front).

Not only the fighting but how you live and interact with your fellow soldiers.

2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph- Tells how the call to war has changed you. Soldiers not only change physically but also emotionally since leaving home.

3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph- Tells your idea or thoughts. What do you think from the perspective of a soldier? What plan do you have planned after the war?

4<sup>th</sup> Paragraph- Asks questions about home front. What might these soldiers like to know about while away from home?

#### **Letter #2**

This letter should be from the end of the war and reflect the changes the soldier has been through.

The letter includes the following:

A date from when you are writing from (sometime in 1918)

Someone you trust to address the letter to (Friend, Wife, Sibling, Parent)

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2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph- Tells how the call to war has changed you. Soldiers not only change physically but also emotionally since leaving home.

3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph- Tells your idea or thoughts. What do you think from the perspective of a soldier? What plan do you have planned after the war?

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