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<p>Use your existing knowledge and a range of sources to write a report about the First World War. Record information as notes on a mind map first, under headings such as causes, warring nations, key events, front line, home front and how the war ended. Use your mind map to help you write your report. Include a title, an opening paragraph, a timeline of key events, subheadings, detailed facts, precise topic vocabulary and images with captions.</p>	<p>Use a range of sources to find out about the following important events, which involved Britain during the Second World War: Battle of Britain, the Blitz and D-Day. Use bullet points to write a list of key findings about each event.</p>	<p>The Ministry of Information produced persuasive posters during both the First and Second World Wars to affect people's opinions and actions. Use online sources to learn more about wartime posters and to find examples. Then answer the questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What was the purpose of persuasive posters in the First and Second World Wars?• Propaganda was a feature of some wartime posters. What is the definition of the word propaganda?• In what different ways did posters encourage British people to get involved in the war effort during the First and Second World Wars?																					
<p>Use a range of sources to look at images of First World War trenches. Find out about trench warfare and then answer the questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why were trenches used during the First World War?• What did trench warfare involve?• What was life like for the soldiers in a First World War trench?	<p>Experts developed different weapons, innovations and technology during the First and Second World Wars to help each side defeat their enemies. Examples include artillery, aircraft and radar. Find out about the weapons, innovations, and technology developed, then create an information poster about one development that interests you. Include a title, images with captions and detailed facts.</p>	<p>Read a historical narrative, poems or age-appropriate real-life stories about either the First or Second World War. There are many suitable and award-winning titles available. Examples include: Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll, War Horse, Private Peaceful or Only Remembered by Michael Morpurgo, The Skylark's War by Hilary McKay, Poems from the Second World War by Gaby Morgan, Archie's War by Marcia Williams, Anne Frank – The Diary of a Young Girl (Abridged for young readers) by Mirjam Pressler or Voices from the Second World War by First News.</p>																					
<p><u>Useful Websites</u></p> <p>Britannica Kids – Norman Conquest Britannica Kids – Wars of the Roses Britannica Kids – English Civil War DKfindout! – Facts About The Napoleonic Wars Britannica Kids – Crimean War BBC Bitesize – World War One – KS2 History BBC Teach – World War Two</p>	<p><u>Suggested Books</u></p> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Title</th><th>Author</th><th>ISBN</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Usborne History of Britain: The First World War</td><td>Henry Brook</td><td>9781409570240</td></tr><tr><td>Weapons of World War I</td><td>Matt Doeden</td><td>9781474748384</td></tr><tr><td>Poppy Field</td><td>Michael Morpurgo</td><td>9781407181424</td></tr><tr><td>DK Eyewitness: World War II</td><td>DK</td><td>9781409343677</td></tr><tr><td>Weapons of World War II</td><td>Matt Doeden</td><td>9781474748377</td></tr><tr><td>When we were Warriors</td><td>Emma Carroll</td><td>9780571350407</td></tr></tbody></table>		Title	Author	ISBN	Usborne History of Britain: The First World War	Henry Brook	9781409570240	Weapons of World War I	Matt Doeden	9781474748384	Poppy Field	Michael Morpurgo	9781407181424	DK Eyewitness: World War II	DK	9781409343677	Weapons of World War II	Matt Doeden	9781474748377	When we were Warriors	Emma Carroll	9780571350407
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