

World War One

Central Historical Question:

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Notes:

Document #1 Private W. Hay, Scottish Army, Battle of the Somme, July-Dec 1916

<p>1. Who wrote this document?</p> <p>2. What were their experiences like in World War One?</p>	<p>3. Do you think they believed “the rules of fair play do not apply in war”?</p> <p>No ←-----→Yes</p> <p>4. Why?</p>
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5. Based on what Private W. Hay said do you believe “the rules of fair play do not apply in war”? No ←-----→Yes

6. Why?

Document #2 Robert Sherriff describing a WW1 battle, *No Leading Lady*, 1968

<p>1. Who wrote this document?</p> <p>2. Does it matter when he wrote it?</p> <p>3. What were their experiences like in World War One?</p>	<p>4. Do you think <u>they</u> would believe “the rules of fair play do not apply in war”? No ←-----→Yes</p> <p>5. Why?</p>
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6. Based on what Robert Sherriff said do you believe “the rules of fair play do not apply in war”? No ←-----→Yes

7. Why?

Document #3 Wilfred Owen "Dulce et Decorum Est " Title translation: **It is glorious and honorable to die for one's country** describes death from gas attack.

<p>1. Who wrote this document?</p> <p>3. What were their experiences like in World War One?</p>	<p>4. Why do you think Owen gave his poem the title "<i>Dulce et Decorum Est</i>"?</p> <p>5. Do you think they believed "the rules of fair play do not apply in war"?</p> <p>No ←-----→Yes</p> <p>6. Why?</p>
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6. Based on what Private W. Hay said do you believe "the rules of fair play do not apply in war"? No ←-----→Yes

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1. What do you think **the soldiers who fought in WW1** would argue “the rules of fair play do not apply in war”? No ←-----→Yes

2. Why?

3. What do you think **the leaders of the Militaries of WW1** would believe “the rules of fair play do not apply in war”? No ←-----→Yes

4. Why?

5. What do **you** now believe: Do “the rules of fair play do not apply in war”?
No ←-----→Yes

6. Why?