

Student Handout: Unit 1 Lesson 2



The Homefront and Two Battles

Suggested time: 75 Minutes

What's important in this lesson:

Canada's prestige and world status increased because of the performance of Canadian soldiers on the battlefield. After completing questions and a scrapbook assignment, you will gain an appreciation of the human cost of this war. You will also gain an understanding that wars are not just fought on the battlefield, but are fought with the support and supplies from "home."

Complete these steps:

1. Using any textbook and/or scrapbook, answer the questions on "A Tale of Two Battles: Ypres and Vimy Ridge", Handout 1.
2. Using *The Canadiana Scrapbook: Canadians at War: 1914 – 1918*, pages 32 to 40," answer the questions on "World War Homefront", Handout 2

Hand-in the following to your teacher:

1. Answers to "A Tale of Two Battles: Ypres and Vimy", Handout 1
2. Answers to "World War I Homefront", Handout 2

Questions for the teacher:

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A Tale of Two Battles: Ypres and Vimy Ridge

Use your textbook or scrapbook to complete the chart below. Use point form.

Ypres	Vimy
What happened:	What happened:
Why it was important to Canada:	Why it was important to Canada:

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World War One Homefront 1914-1918

As the war dragged on for longer than anyone expected, the Canadian government realized that a greater contribution from Canadians at home would be required. The armed forces needed more men and more supplies. Every Canadian would have to sacrifice.

Use the *The Canadian Scrapbook: Canadians at War: 1914 –1918*, pages.32 – 40 to answer the following questions, which are based on war posters. Answer in the spaces provided.

1. How would you describe the feelings of the father in the poster at the top right on page 33?
2. What is the real purpose of the father poster (in #1)?
3. According to the poster at the bottom of page 35, who were the soldiers of the soil?
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4. Why would this poster (in #3) have been created?
5. Examine the poster at the bottom right of page 40. What is a Victory Bond?
6. How was a Victory Bond different from a Patriotic Fund?
7. What kind of everyday foods would be rationed?