Battle Research

**THE SOMME**

The Somme was one of the most bloody and pointless battles of World War One. This is a great opportunity for you to investigate a specific battle that you could use for your Post Card Task

TASK ONE: **RESEARCH**

To fully understand the context of this battle, you will need to do some internet research. You can go online to detail some of the finer points, or you can watch the video ‘The Somme’ (found on the I:Drive – HIS 10) using headphones.

TASK TWO: **GATHERING INFORMATION**

As your Postcard task states, you will need to know a great deal about each battle front. Using the video and the internet, investigate and describe the following topics in your exercise book.

1. Location of the Battle Front.
2. Purpose of the battle from both the Allied AND German perspective
3. Time/ date/ duration of the battle. Also make note of the seasons in which the battle took place – don’t forget that winter and summer are at opposite times to us in the Northern Hemisphere!
4. Living conditions for soldiers in the trenches on BOTH sides
5. Weapons that were used – Tanks? Artillery? Bombs? Machine Guns?
6. Total number of deaths and casualties on both sides.
7. End or completion of the battle. What was the end result?

TASK THREE: **SOLDIER EXPERIENCES**

Now watch or re-visit the video ‘The Somme’ from the I:Drive and pay close attention to the individual soldiers.

In **two paragraphs** – describe how the British soldiers felt about their experiences in the battle. Don’t forget to use your previous research to back up your opinion!