



Lest We Forget

Scenario

On hundreds of War Memorials all around New Zealand you will find the words 'Lest We Forget' engraved in stone, etched into glass or cast in bronze. These monuments are designed to last many centuries. People have gone to a great deal of trouble and expense to get this message to everyone who stops and reads the words. Make a well-founded judgement.

What should we remember about War?



Exploratory Environment

Dear Parents

We are about to start a new social science Quest called 'Lest We Forget.' This unit of work has been developed here at Birkdale Intermediate. Our students work in pairs to answer the question posed in the scenario. They search a multimedia resource called a Quest, listening to video interviews, reading letters and diaries of people who have had direct experience of war. The Quest is used to teach the Time, Continuity and Change section of the National Social Science Curriculum. Our students look in depth at the, 'causes and effects of events that have shaped the lives of a group of people,' in this case the effect war has had on our community.

Ways in which you could support your child during this study:

- Visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum.
- Visit the Naval Museum in Devonport.
- Visit and explore the following web sites:
www.nzhistory.net.nz/Gallery/Anzac/Anzac.htm
www.annefrank.com/
- Ask your family if anyone has old letters, diaries or notebooks written by someone who has been involved in a war.
- Share any stories a family member or friend has told you about their experience of war.
- Together use a dictionary or the Internet to discuss the following vocabulary list: second NZEF, active service, action stations, Sunderland flying boat, lousy, chloroform, quinine pills, black out, occupation army, civvies, shrapnel, doodlebug, z force, GI, Gestapo, sappers, guerilla warfare, mentioned in dispatches, conscripted, dysentery, bed bugs, DSO, saboteur, Auschwitz, Blitz, and Boer War.
- Call into our library before or after school and have your child show you the interesting 'Lest We

Forget' memorabilia in our glass display case.

- Together locate on a World map: England, France, Germany, Italy - Cassino, Greece, Libya, Tunisia, Malaya, Borneo, Crete, Korea, Sicily, Japan, Egypt - Cairo, Belgium, South Africa, and Vietnam.



In the Quest 20 people share their diaries, letters, writings and thoughts on their personal experiences of war.

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Yours sincerely

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