



My journey to the Great War...and back

Modern languages competition for years 7-10 and 11-13

Can you imagine the First World War from a German soldier's perspective? How did it feel to be a Belgian or French soldier? What was it like to be a British or American soldier? The First World War threw people with different nationalities and languages together, fighting alongside or against each other around the world.

To commemorate the diversity of people affected by the First World War, Kilve Court and Evident Language invite you to put on another soldier's boots: write in French, German or English (if English is not your mother tongue), and tell us the story of a soldier from a different country, speaking a different language.

Competition entries should be in one of the following categories:

- A German or Austrian soldier's experience of war (letter, report or diary entry) – written in German by pupils whose home language is English.
- A French or Belgian soldier's experience of war (letter, report or diary entry) – written in French by pupils whose home language is English.
- A British/American soldier's experience of war (letter, report or diary entry) – written in English by pupils whose home language is not English.

Your entry should be no more than one A4 page (maximum 350 words) in Word or PDF format.

The judges will be looking for:

- engaging pieces of writing showing adventurous use of the foreign language
- imagination, empathy and creativity – this is not a grammar test!
- a sense of the historical setting

NB: Grammar mistakes will not be overly penalised (although the writing must be comprehensible). Teachers may help with vocabulary/sentence structures but every effort should be made for the entries to be all your own work.

The judges' decision is final. Entries cannot be returned so please keep your own copy. Competition winners will be notified by email via their school.

Prizes:

First prize: in each category, a photo printer kindly donated by our supporters ITEC Group and Canon plus a free language tuition session with Evident Language.

Runners up: free tickets to a local attraction, kindly donated by our supporters including the West Somerset Railway, Diggerland and Fleet Air Arm Museum.

How to enter:

Completed entries (one per individual) to be submitted in Word or PDF format to info@kilvecourt.org, including "MFL competition" as the subject of your email, before **30 May 2014**. Remember to include your name, year group, school and contact email for your school on your entry so we can contact them if you are a prize-winner. A selection of entries will be displayed at the Kilve Family Day on 19 July 2014.

Further guidance for competitors:

Entries can be entirely fictional but you may want to use the resources below as starting points. Further resources and a basic vocabulary list may be found at evidentlanguage.wordpress.com

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/worldwars/wwone/german_experience_01.shtml
(German experience of WW1)

<http://www.bl.uk/collection-items/100-trench-pictures>
(A German book of WW1 photos)

<http://www.firstworldwar.com/video/germantrenches.htm>
(Video footage of German soldiers preparing trenches)

http://www.pbs.org/greatwar/chapters/ch3_voices2.html
(Excerpts from a French soldier's war diary and an American woman's memoirs)

<http://www.memoiredeshommes.sga.defense.gouv.fr/fr/article.php?laref=1>
(Lots of information in French about the First World War and France's involvement)

Celebrating Landscapes: The Kilve Court family day 19 July 2014

Join us at Kilve Court from 10am to 4pm on 19 July for a fascinating day celebrating the landscape and a love of learning. There'll be tasters of our enrichment courses and the opportunity to try a range of adventurous activities.

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