

The Big Question:

HOW EFFECTIVE WAS PROPAGANDA IN BRITAIN IN THE 1914-18 WAR?

Can you save the Public Record Office's reputation?!

The problem

- The Public Record Office has a new Head of Exhibitions. This job includes organising outside speakers coming in to give talks.
- The leading WWI historian, Hilary Lee, is coming to give a talk, but something has gone wrong. Dr Lee's briefcase has been stolen! She has the plan for her talk in her pocket, but she had a collection of slides in her briefcase. She cannot illustrate her talk.
- The Head of Exhibitions has come to you in desperation. He has given you the outline of what Dr Lee will be saying in her talk.
- There is some good news. Dr Lee is not going to read out a script. She has some detailed planning points to help her stay on track. You can give her a new outline with some suggested sources to go in her slide show.
- The bad news is she is due to talk in less than one hour! Good luck!

WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO:

Your job is to search through the sources in this Gallery and:

- Select some sources that will support the points Dr Lee will make
- Note the sources in the outline of Dr Lee's talk
- Write clear captions for each source explaining what it is, where it came from and when it was produced
- Dr Lee will not get a chance to look at these sources before the talk, so it would also be useful if you add a few notes on the reliability of the source (e.g. if its purpose was to get men to join up by saying that millions already had, then the figures may be a little exaggerated)
- Remember – You will not be able to find sources to support every point Dr Lee will make. Your job is to choose a selection of sources that will support some of her points and will interest the audience.