



Lions led by donkeys?

Your task is to make a presentation, using the sources as evidence, on one of these three views.

- 1 The commanders were 'donkeys'. They were incompetent and didn't take care of their soldiers, the 'lions'. They sat in safety behind the lines while they sent their troops charging against machine guns and barbed wire. Their men resented them and only obeyed because they would be shot otherwise.
- 2 The commanders didn't do a great job and the soldiers paid the price. However, we shouldn't blame only the military commanders, since the politicians shared in the big decisions and ordered the commanders to try to win the war.
- 3 The commanders did a remarkable job while facing tremendous challenges. They had to create a huge army from ordinary civilians in a short space of time. They also learnt new tactics and used new weapons as they became available. They took as much care of their men as they could and relations between officers and men were good.

Your teacher may want you to work in groups or individually to create presentations on all three views.

We suggest that you work in stages.

Stage 1:

Examine the sources

Research the sources in the 4 case studies and choose 6-10 sources to use in your presentation.

Depending upon the size of your group, it might be a good idea to divide up the case studies when researching the sources. Your teacher may limit you to a particular case study. Make sure you know who is looking at what before you start work.

You can use this research table to record your ideas. Open the research table and print it out or save it to your computer. Then you can fill it in.

Stage 2:

Make a presentation

After you have done your research, you can plan your presentation.

It should have a short introduction and will contain 6-10 sources chosen from case studies 1-4. Each source will have an explanation written by you of what the source shows.