

Paper 1A: The Historic Environment

THE BRITISH SECTOR OF THE WESTERN FRONT, 1914–18: INJURIES, TREATMENT AND THE TRENCHES

Key Topic	Topic & Enquiry	Assessment Opportunities	Links to PLC (Knowledge)	Links to PLC (Skills)
The British sector of the Western Front, 1914–18: injuries, treatment and the trenches	<p>The British Sector on the Western Front <i>How did the context of the British Sector on the Western Front affect medicine?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-stakes practice questions (4m, 8m) SMHW MCQ: Test 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing key features of the context of the British sector on the Western Front (including Ypres Salient; The Somme; Arras and Cambrai) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge or national sources (including army records, national newspapers, government reports and medical articles) Knowledge of local sources (including personal accounts, photographs, hospital records, army statistics) Recognition of the value and limitations of different types of sources for specific enquiries Framing of questions relevant to the pursuit of a specific enquiry Selection of appropriate sources for specific investigations
	<p>The Trench System and impact of the Terrain <i>What was the impact of the terrain on helping the wounded on the Western Front?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-stakes practice questions (4m, 8m) SMHW MCQ: Test 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing key features of the trench system (including the front line; the command trench; the support trench; the reserve trench; the communications trench) Describing key features of the impact of the terrain on helping the wounded 	
	<p>Ill health on the Western Front <i>How was ill health treated and prevented on the Western Front?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-stakes practice questions (4m, 8m) SMHW MCQ: Test 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing key features of ill health (including Trench fever; Trench foot and Shell-shock) 	
	<p>Weapons of war and gas attacks <i>What were the effects of weapons of war and gas attacks on soldiers fighting on the Western Front?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-stakes practice questions (4m, 8m) SMHW MCQ: Test 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing key features of weapons of war (including rifles, machine guns, artillery and shrapnel) Describing key features of the effects of gas attacks (including chlorine, phosgene and mustard) 	
	<p>The Evacuation Route <i>What were the problems facing those transporting the wounded on the Western Front?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-stakes practice questions (4m, 8m) SMHW MCQ: Test 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing key features of the evacuation route (including Stretcher bearers; RAP; Field Ambulance and Dressing Stations; CCS; Base Hospitals) Describing key features of the work of the RAMC and FANY 	
	<p>Developments in surgery and medicine in the First World War <i>What were the main developments in surgery and treatment of wounds on the Western Front?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low-stakes practice questions (4m, 8m) SMHW MCQ: Test 6 API: Historic Environment PPE (16m) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describing key features of the impact of the Western Front on medicine and surgery (including debridement; Carrel-Dakin method; Thomas Splint; X-Rays and X-ray mobile units) Describing key features of the development of blood transfusions and the storage of blood (including blood transfusions and the blood bank at Cambrai) Describing key features of other techniques in the treatment of wounds (including Brain surgery; local and general anaesthetic and Plastic Surgery) 	