

The Battle of Somme

Was the battle a glory mission or a horror story?

Wilfred Owen and Walter de la Mare's poems give two very different impressions of what it was like to die as a soldier in the *Great War*; they give us a confusing picture.

We need to look at more information in order to try and really understand what World War One was like.

The Battle of the Somme is probably the most memorable of battles in the *Great War*. The documents in *Life and Death as a Soldier in World War One* are centred on the experience of The Durham Light Infantry, one section of the British Army that took part in the battle.

From these sources, you should be able to collect enough information to make a decision:

Was the Battle of the Somme a glory mission or a horror story?

...and which poet was right, Owen or de la Mare?

Use the table below to record your findings:

Area for investigation	The Battle of the Somme was a glory mission that soldiers enjoyed...	The Battle of the Somme was a horror story that soldiers hated...
Action		
Leisure		
Trenches		
Casualties		
The Battle of the Somme		