

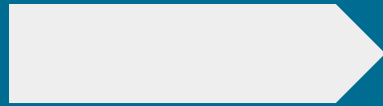


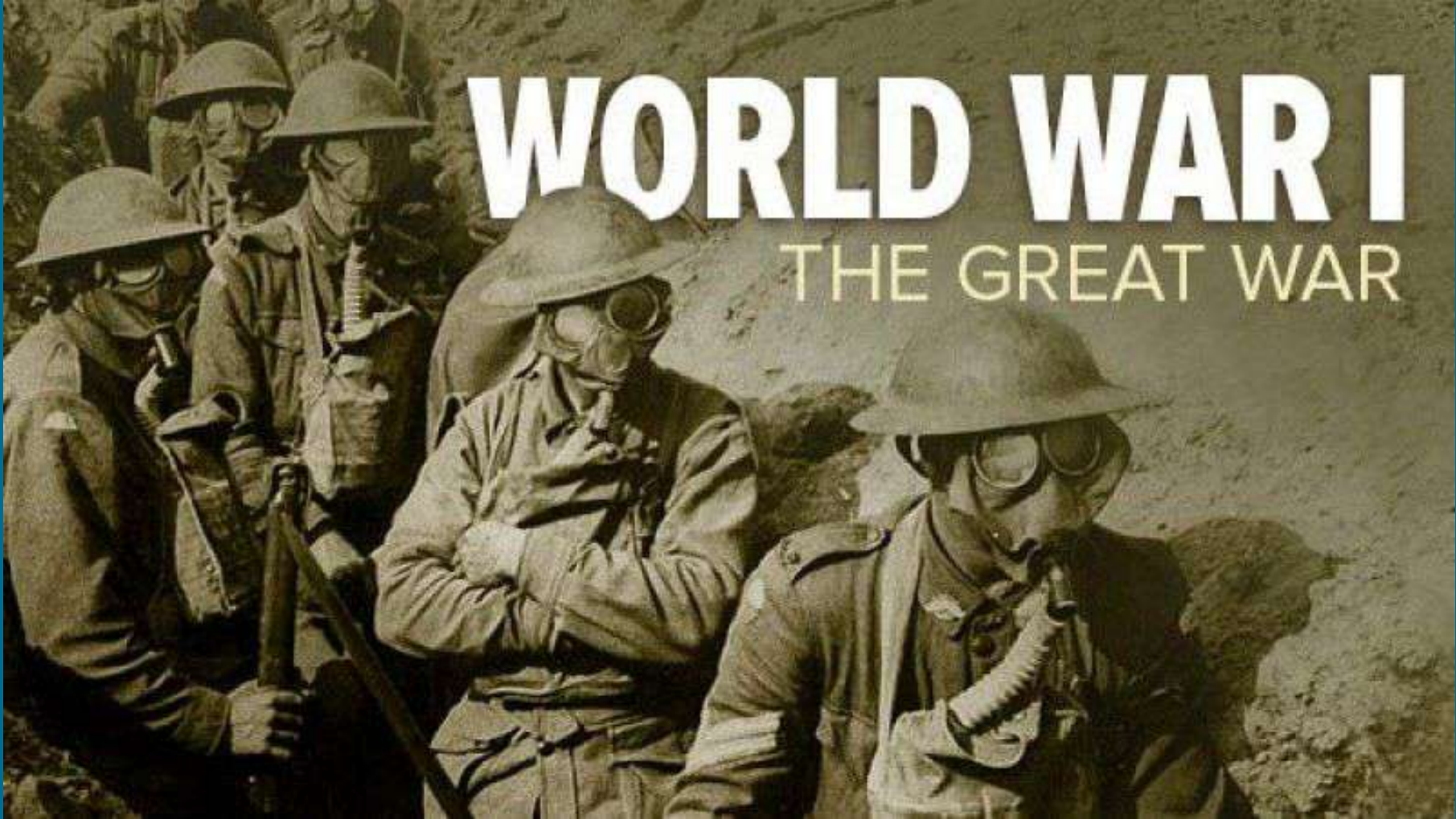
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**Where life is tough**  
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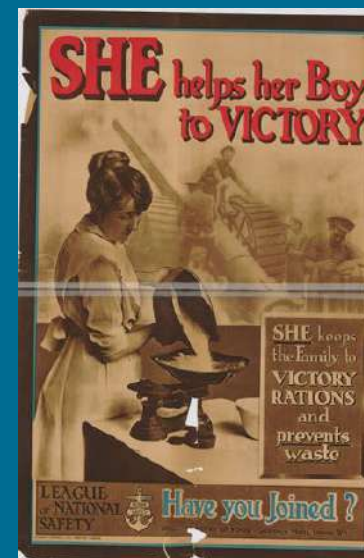
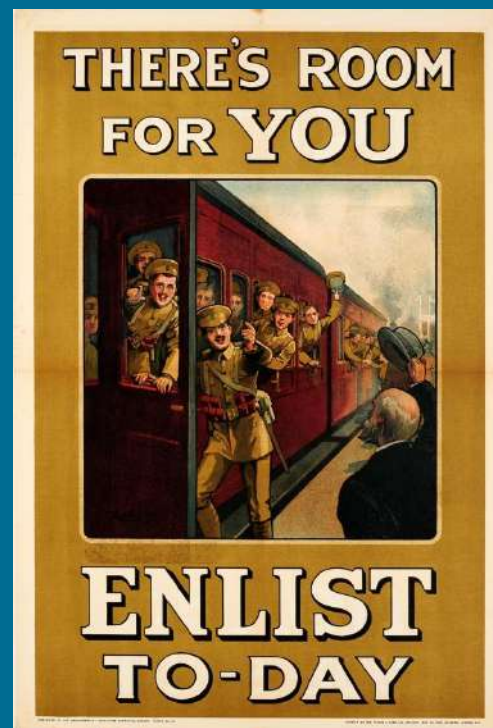
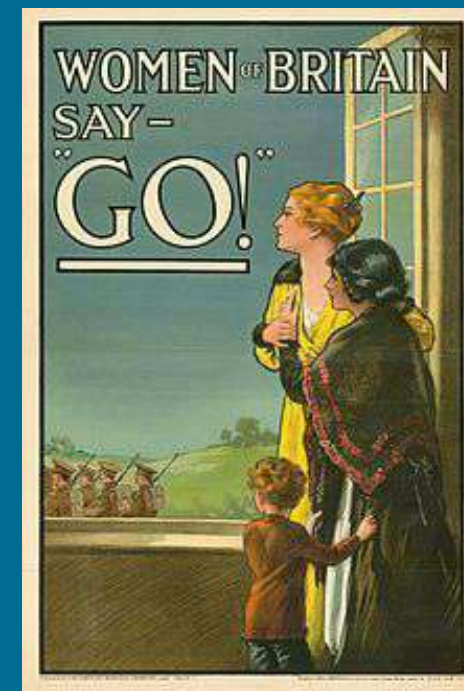
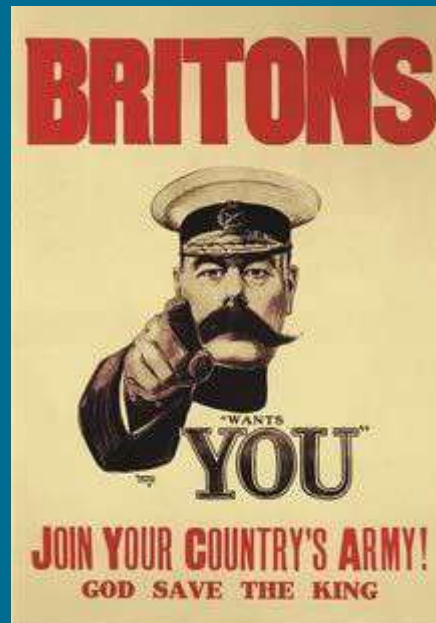
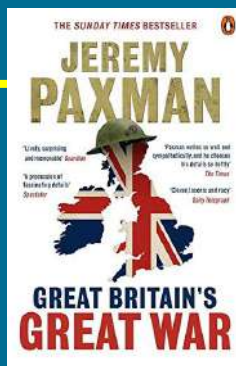
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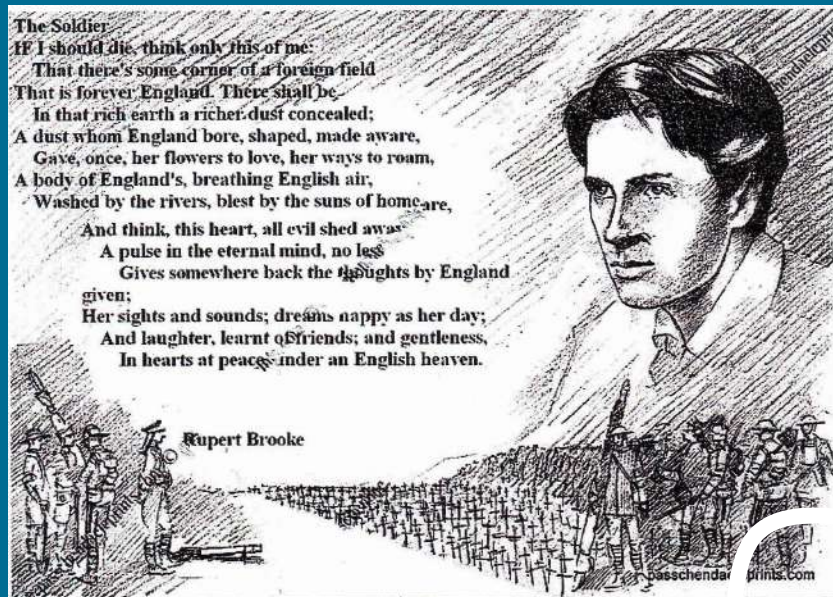
# WWI

The first step towards a true understanding of the first world war is to recognize why so many people at the time believed it to be not only unavoidable but even necessary. (J.paxman)



<https://edpuzzle.com/>

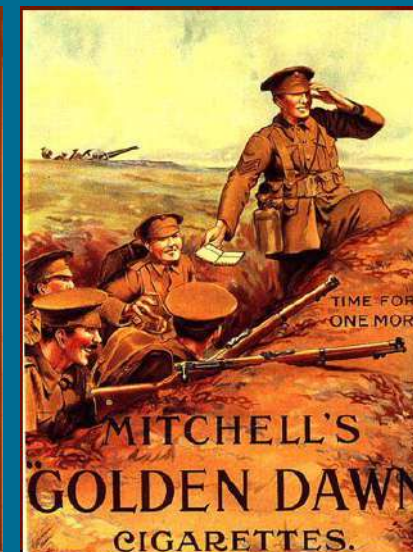
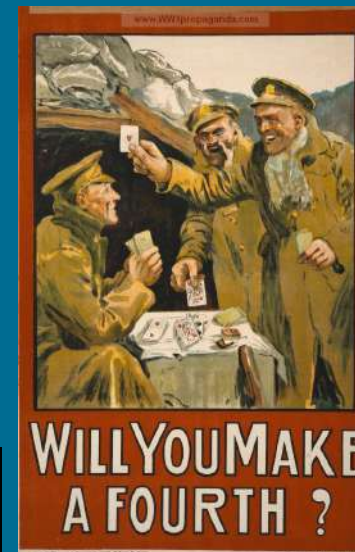
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T.Hardy - Drummer Hodge  
Happy is England now -  
J.Freeman



S.Sassoon - Suicide in the trenches  
W.Owen - Dulce et decorum est  
I. Rosenberg - Break of day in the trenches



Films: The trench; 1917

# War and Literature



Paul Nash, The  
Menin Road, 1917

Henry Tonks,  
Arc-en-Barrois, 1915



# Focus on Primary sources



<https://spartacus-educational.com/FWWchristmas.htm>



## [DOC 1] Christmas truce

On and around Christmas Day 1914, along the Western Front soldiers stopped fighting in favour of holiday celebrations in the trenches and gestures of goodwill between enemies.



19 year-old Arthur Pelham-Burn, a lieutenant in the 6<sup>th</sup> Gordons who was planning to study to become a church minister after the war, took part in a joint service on Christmas Eve, and wrote home that:

*The mass burial of the dead was "awful, too awful to describe so I won't attempt it," but the joint burial service was most wonderful. Chaplain Adams arranged the prayers and the twenty-third psalm etc and an interpreter wrote them out in German. They were read first by our Padre and then in German by a boy who was studying for the ministry. It was an extraordinary and most wonderful sight. The Germans formed up on one side, the English on the other, the officers standing in front, every head bared. Yes, I think it was a sight one will never see again.*

## [DOC 2] VIDEO TIME

### Christmas truce: a commercial



A well-known supermarket chain used the Christmas truce for a famous Christmas commercial in 2016.  
<http://tiny.cc/m8mvqy>

## [DOC 3]

### Christmas truce: a letter home

Frank Naden wrote:

*"Next day we got an order that all communication and friendliness with the enemy must stop but we did not fire at all that day, and the Germans did not fire at us."*

## DOC 1 - DOC 2 - DOC 3

1. After analyzing the three documents on the Christmas truce, answer the following questions.
  - a. What happened around Christmas day 1914? Can you guess why?
  - b. What emotions, do you think, did soldiers feel?
  - c. How do you think they felt the day after the truce?



# Extras

Glory of Women - S.Sassoon  
In Flander Fields - J.McCrae  
S.Sassoon- Survivors  
S.Sassoon - A soldier's declaration  
E.Hemingway



# WWII



**KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON**  
a visual history

**1939**

April - Europe Prepares for War  
British Government commissioned three propaganda posters

- June - posters prepared by an unknown designer
- August off to the printers

**FREEDOM IS IN PERIL**  
DEFEND IT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT

**YOUR COURAGE YOUR CHEERFULNESS YOUR RESOLUTION**  
WILL BRING US VICTORY

400,000 800,000

**KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON**

2,500,000

September - copies distributed within 24 hours outbreak of war

printed to be used only in the event of a German invasion  
**limited distribution**

**2000**

The poster resurfaces in a used book store in the north of England

Believed to be one of only 2 surviving copies

Barter Books printed off 500 copies

enough to plaster the Sistine Chapel






**2005**

National newspaper publishes a copy of the print - the trend blows up!

Barter Books starts selling 3,000 posters a week




**Popular Keep Calm Parodies**

<b>KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON</b> GRANT	<b>KEEP CALM... OH WHO ARE WE KIDDING</b>	<b>NOW PANIC AND FREAK OUT</b>
<b>HIDE YA KIDS HIDE YA WIFE</b>	<b>KEEP CALM AND CARRION</b>	<b>CHANGE WORDS AND BE HILARIOUS</b>

**Keep Calm and Carry On by Google Searches**

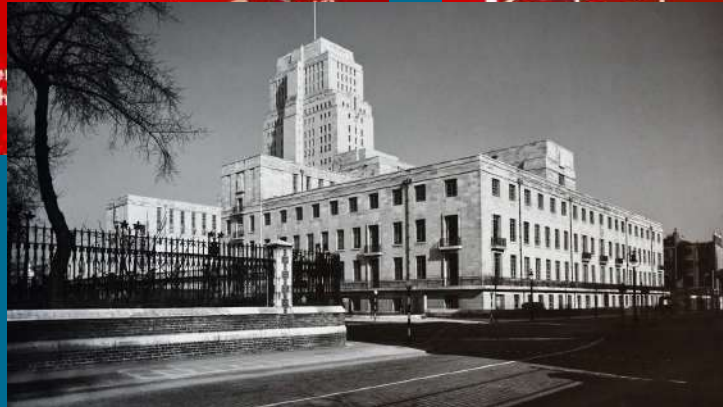


Number of searches for Keep Calm and Carry On relative to the number of searches on Google normalized and displayed on a scale of 0-100

**2012**

- 112,164 number of "keep calm" items listed on ebay.com
- 10,152 number of "keep calm" items listed on etsy.com
- 15 number of original Keep Calm posters brought into Antiques Roadshow by Moragh Turnbull, believed to be the only "stock" of the famous posters.

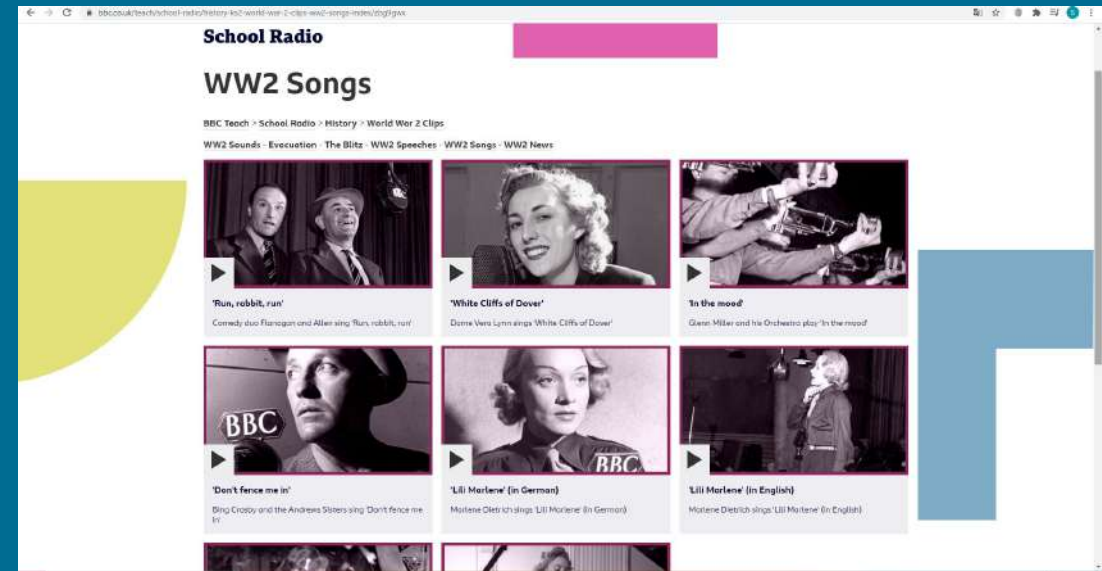
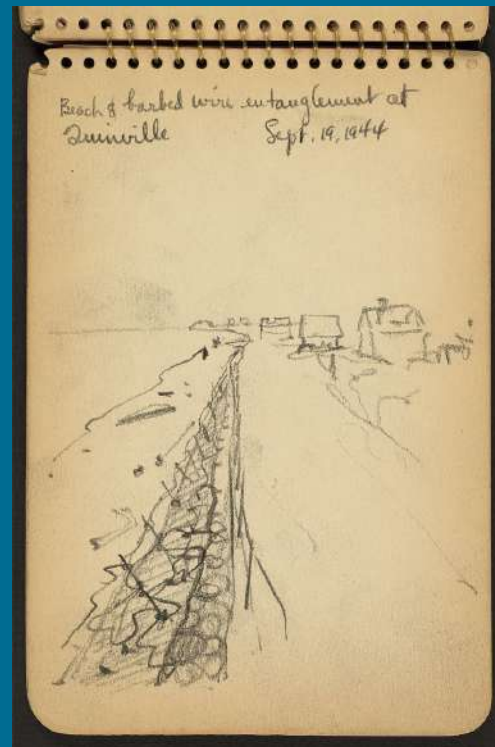
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Victor Alfred Lundy was 21 years old when he was shipped out to Europe, in August 1944. D-Day and the army had changed his plans from architecture, to the infantry.

New means of communication



# WWII

1939

“Involuntary Spies” by Marion Strobel

“Death That Need Not Have Been” by Flora Hendricks

“On the Summer Sky the Airship Hangs” by Oscar Williams

“After the Bombing of Barcelona” by Norman Macleod

“In the Shadow of Great Times” by Helen Goldbaum

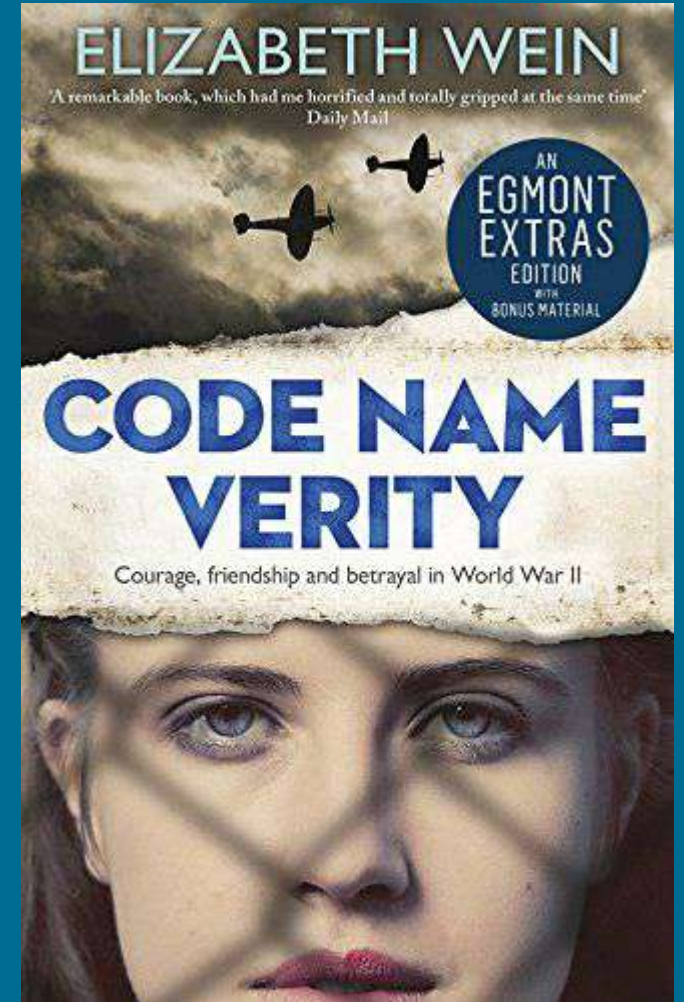
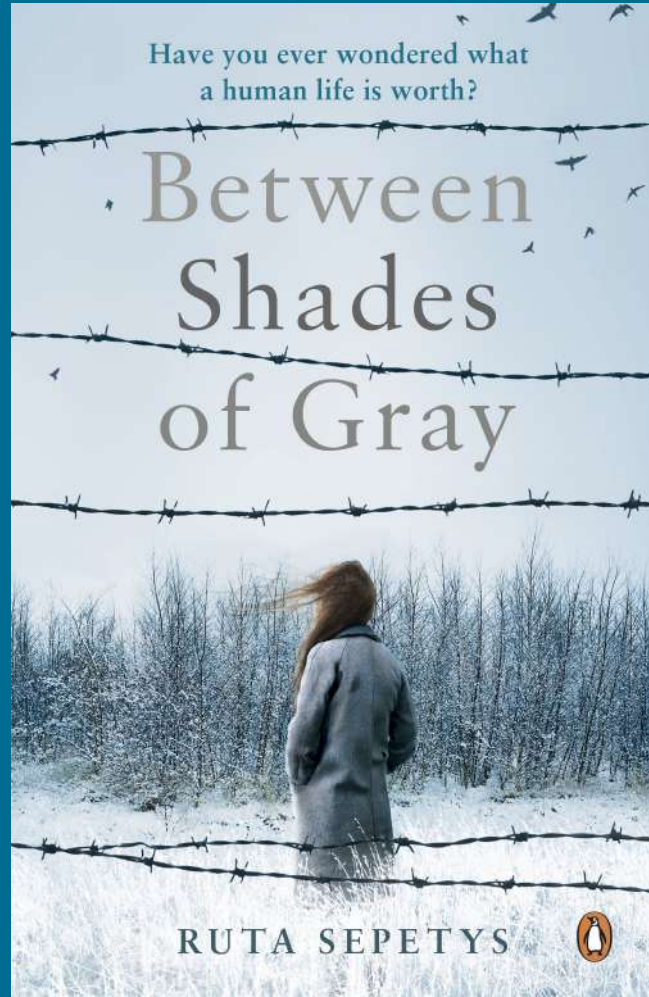
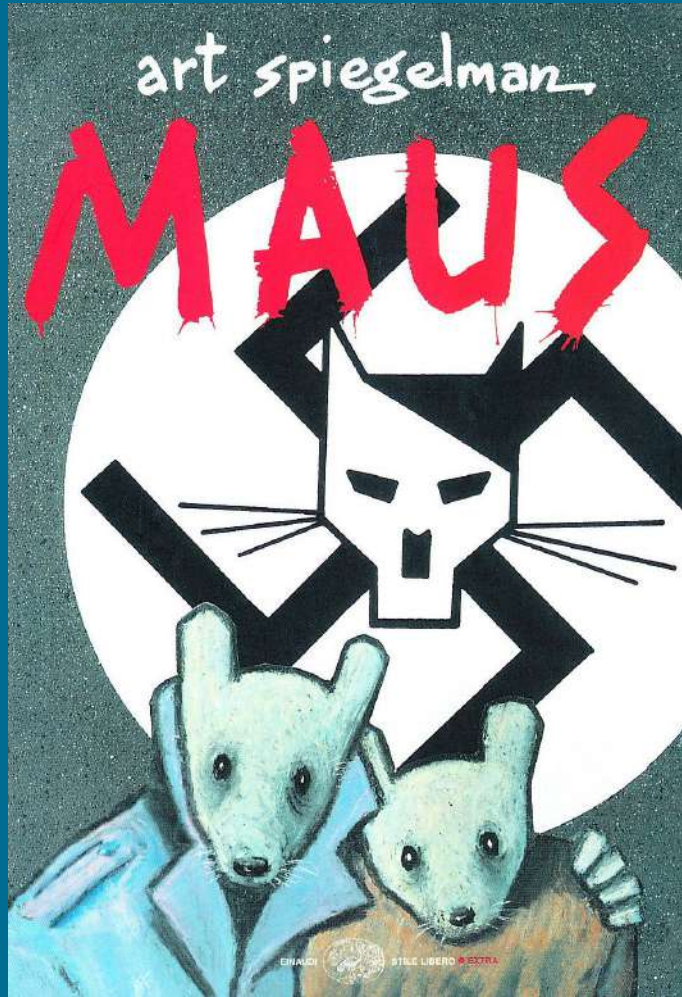
“Lutany at Brink of Armageddon” by James Daly

“The Watcher” by Ridgeley Torrence

“September 2, 1939” by M. Jean Prussing

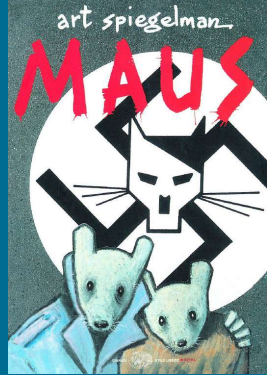


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COUNT THE BLOWS. IF YOU LOSE COUNT - I'LL START AGAIN!

EINS!  
ZWEI!  
DREI!



IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF 1938 - BEFORE THE WAR - HANGING HIGH IN THE CENTER OF TOWN, IT WAS A NAZI FLAG..

HERE WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW, WITH MY OWN EYES, THE SWASTIKA.



IT WAS FENCES PUT UP ALL AROUND! NO MOUSE COULD GO OUT FROM THE CAMP! NO FOOD AND NO MEDICINES COULD GO IN! THEY TREATED US LIKE WE WERE INSECTS... MURDER? I CAN'T EVEN DESCRIBE!...

DO YOU WANT TO BUY?



WE WATCHED UNTIL THEY DISAPPEARED FROM OUR EYES...

IT WAS THE LAST TIME EVER WE SAW THEM; BUT THAT WE COULDN'T KNOW.

<https://www.pixton.com/>

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# Extras

## DOC 6 D-Day

Under the code name Operation Overlord, on June 6 1944, also known as D-Day, 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches in Normandy. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history. It was perhaps the most important event of WWII and the photographer Robert Capa was there, the only photographer who struggled to survive with the 34,250 troops who landed on Omaha Beach. His pictures gave the soldiers' view of the dangers of war.



▲ Invaders on Omaha Beach. Allied soldiers crawl on their stomachs past log fortifications on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944.



▲ No Time To Paddle. 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944: US Assault Troops seen here landing on Omaha Beach during the Invasion of Normandy.

## DOC 7

During the first hours of D-DAY, soldiers died on the beaches, especially on Omaha Beach. This is a poem written by a man walking through a British war cemetery in the North of France.



### At the British War Cemetery, Bayeux by Charles Causley (1917 – 2003)

I walked where in their talking graves  
And shirts of earth five thousand lay,  
When history with ten feasts of fire  
Had eaten the red air away.

'I am Christ's boy,' I cried. 'I bear  
In iron hands the bread, the fishes.  
I hang with honey and with rose  
This tidy wreck of all your wishes.

'On your geometry of sleep  
The chestnut and the fir-tree fly,  
And lavender and marguerite  
Forge with their flowers an English sky.

'Turn now towards the belling town  
Your jigsaws of impossible bone,  
And rising read your rank of snow  
Accurate as death upon the stone.'

About your easy heads my prayers  
I said with syllables of clay.  
'What gift,' I asked, 'shall I bring now  
Before I weep and walk away?'

Take, they replied, the oak and laurel.  
Take our fortune of tears and live  
Like a spendthrift lover. All we ask  
Is the one gift you cannot give.

## DOC 8 Operation Bodyguard



The Germans were expecting an allied invasion and for this reason the AEF (Allied Expeditionary Force) set up Operation Bodyguard: a gigantic deception perpetrated by the strangest methods ever used to win a war. Inflatable tanks were parked at ports in eastern and southern Britain for the Luftwaffe to photograph. Dummies were parachuted the day before the official landing over Calais to persuade the Germans the attack would be carried out in that part of France. A fake army was established to persuade Germans that the Allied forces would invade Calais.



▼ Insignia of the First United States Army Group, the key fictional formation of Operation Fortitude.



▲ Inflatable Light Tank used during the preparation of Operation Fortitude in England, 1944: deception operations used by the Allied forces during World War II in connection with the Normandy landings (Operation Overlord).

## DOC 6 - DOC 7 - DOC 8

- DIGITAL COMPETENCE** Choose what you think is the most powerful picture of D-Day from Mega gallery: <http://tiny.cc/mbnvqy>
  - Why have you chosen your picture?
  - What moment of the operation does it represent?
  - How effective do you think it is?
- After reading DOC 7 answer the following questions.
  - Why was this poem written?
  - How is the cemetery described?
  - How effective do you think the poem is? Explain your answer.
- Explain the purpose of Operation Bodyguard and some of the tactics used.

# Extras - multidisciplinary links



The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History

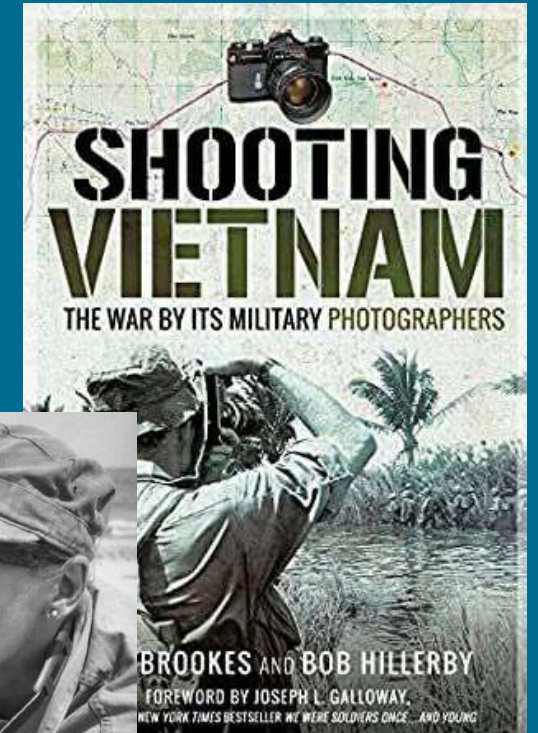




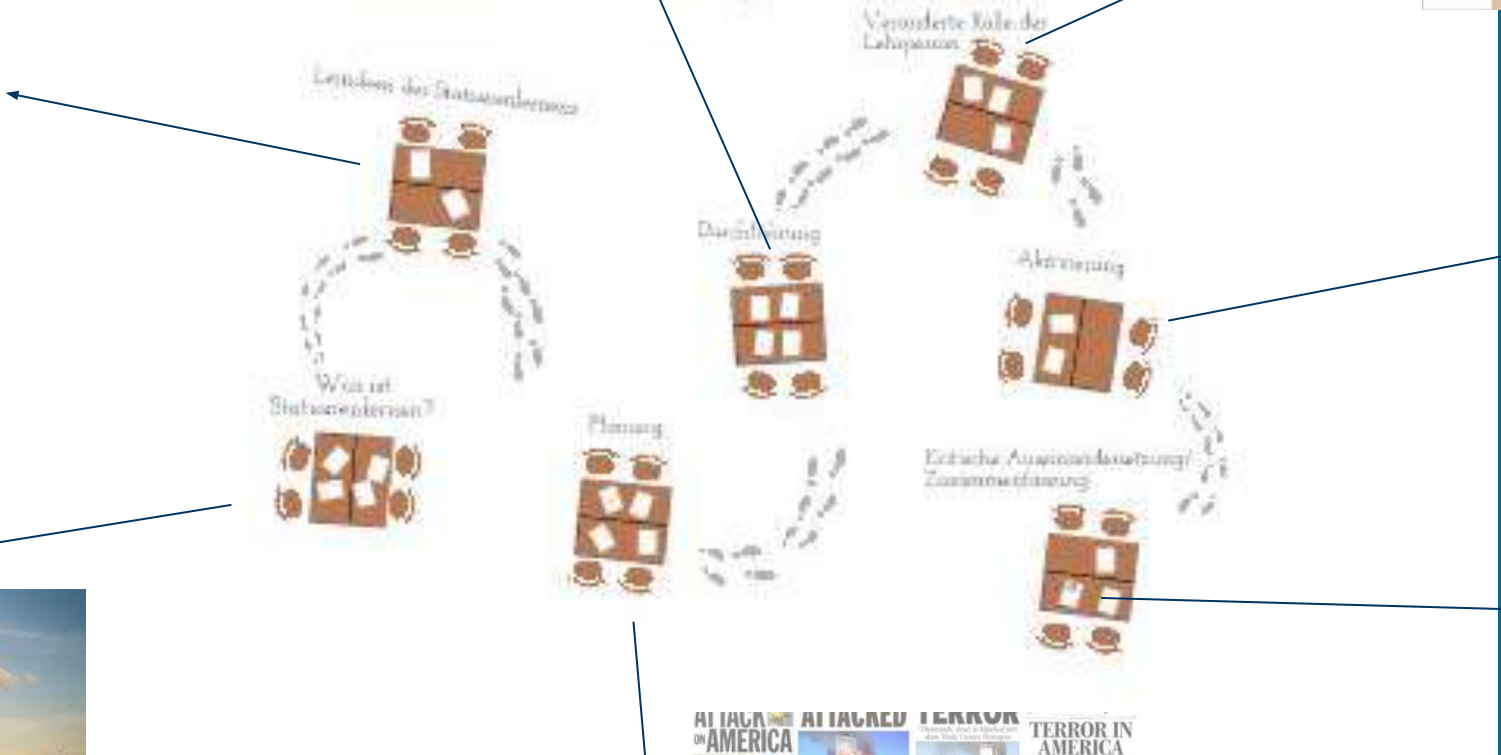
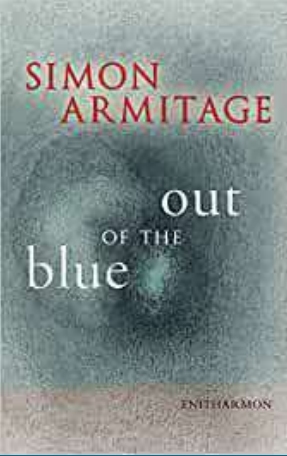
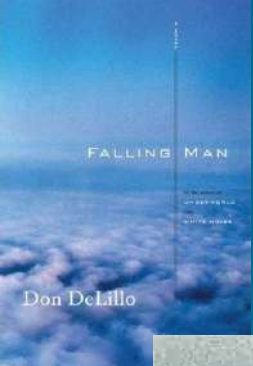
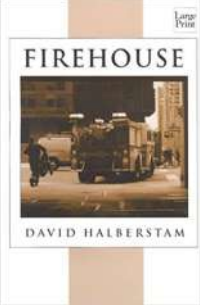
# From Vietnam to contemporary wars

## War Photographer

Carol Ann Duffy



# 9/11 - Station learning



# 9/11 - Station learning

S.Armitage - Out of the blue


The New York Times

THE 9/11 DECADE


## The Lessons

**LESSON 2** Timelines of September 11

**September 11, 2001**



**September 11th in Context**



In the United States, most textbooks of the early 2000s portrayed the attacks as an occasion for patriotism and heroism. More recently, they have started using more graphic images. However, an analysis of nine high school textbooks used by almost half of American students found that most did not say how many people were killed or who was responsible for the attacks.

By Tamar Lewin

## Out of the Blue BY SIMON ARMITAGE

You have picked me out.  
Through a distant shot of a building burning  
you have noticed now  
that a white cotton shirt is twirling, turning.

In fact I am waving, waving,  
Small in the clouds, but waving, waving.  
Does anyone see  
a soul worth saving?

So when will you come?  
Do you think you are watching, watching  
a man shaking crumbs  
or pegging out washing?



I am trying and trying,  
The heat behind me is bullying, driving,  
but the white of surrender is not yet  
flying.  
I am not at the point of leaving, diving.

A bird goes by.  
The depth is appalling. Appalling  
that others like me  
should be wind-milling, wheeling,  
spiralling, falling.

Are your eyes believing,  
believing  
that here in the gills  
I am still breathing.

But tiring, tiring.  
Sirens below are wailing, firing,  
My arm is numb and my nerves are  
sagging.  
Do you see me, my love. I am failing,  
flogging.

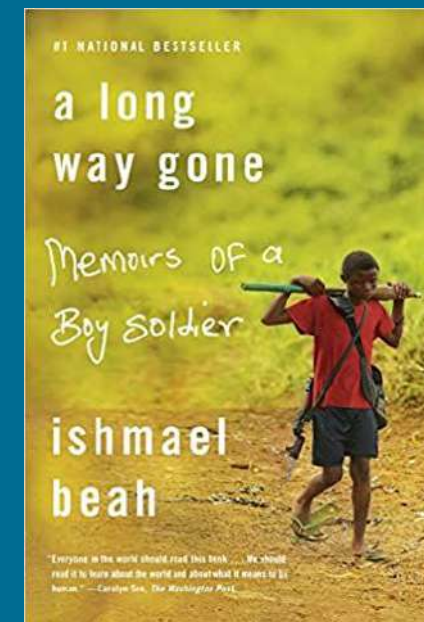
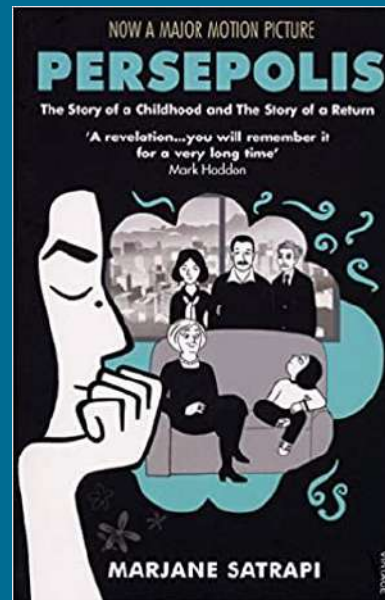
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# Extras



guide for a day

book club



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