

LETTERS FROM THE TRENCHES

In this project, you will pretend to be an American soldier fighting in World War I on the Western Front. The assignment is to write a letter home or in a diary. Your writing should reflect knowledge of the war as well as your feeling about the war and your experiences in the trenches.

Your writing should include ALL of the following:

- ✓ What caused the war (from the American point of view).
- ✓ Who was fighting in this war.
- ✓ How the Allied soldiers (on our side) felt about you being there.
- ✓ Why you, an American, are fighting in this war.
- ✓ The date (be careful here).
- ✓ The conditions in the trenches.
- ✓ The strategies of trench warfare (What did you see, feel and think about this first time experience?).
- ✓ A description of your exact location and what it looks like, and perhaps what it probably looked like before the war (Research a specific battle site or location).
- ✓ What the food, leaflets, weapons, etc. were like.

For special effect, include a map of where you are located, poetry, anything that adds to the authenticity of the writing.

The writing should be done on "antiqued manila paper", handwritten, and in black ink (No blue ink, typewriters, or computers in the trenches back then!).

You will be given 5 days in class (12/8 and 12/12) to research information for your letter. Your letter is due December 15th, 2014.