Think Like a Historian: The Last Hundred Days

Activity #3 Worksheet:

Use this worksheet to support Activity 3 of Think Like a Historian: The Last Hundred Days Education Guide.

In pairs, compare the sets of photographs of Canadian soldiers and the battles in which they fought. What evidence can you identify in the photos that indicates that the nature of war (technology, tactics, environment, casualties, weapons, the scope of destruction, or anything else you notice) changed or stayed the same between the Last Hundred Days and earlier in the war?

Note: The photographs on the left are from before August 1918 while the photographs on the right are from after August 1918.

Canadian Troops in a Communication Trench. September 1916 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/PA-000723).

Canadians moving over the battlefield towards Cambrai. Advance east of Arras. October 1918 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/PA-003256).
German trenches demolished by artillery, showing German dead. July 1916 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/PA-000128).

A Canadian Patrol going forward during the Battle of Valenciennes. November 1918 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/PA-003379).

One of our guns stuck in the mud. Battle of Passchendaele. November 1917 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/PA-002137).

Tanks advancing down Amiens-Roye Road. Battle of Amiens. August 1918 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/PA-002946).
German prisoners doing stretcher work on Somme, November 1916 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/PA-001039).


Personnel of the 16th Canadian Machine Gun Company holding the line in shell holes during the Battle of Passchendaele. November 1917 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/PA-002162).

Canadians passing through ruined Church in Cambrai. Advance east of Arras. 9 Oct. 1918 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/PA-003286).
Pack horses transporting ammunition to the 20th Battery, Canadian Field Artillery. April 1917 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/PA-001231).

Canadians and their supply wagons crossing a railway in the dry bed of the Canal du Nord. Advance East of Arras. September 1918 (courtesy Library and Archives Canada/PA-003285).