

AN ABC OF CANADA IN WORLD WAR I

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“Tom’s use of rhyme and narrative poetry to supplement History and Interdisciplinary studies is compelling and effective.”
Dr. Derek J. Petz, T.A.Blakelock HS (2011)

An ABC of Canada in World War I uses the alphabet and rhyme to provide a 26-theme introduction to this important era of our history. The format has been used for many years by history teachers in high schools and elementary schools across Canada, Britain and the USA.

An ABC of Canada in WWI is an innovative way to introduce students to, or close a study on Canada’s role in World War I. The format lends itself to a variety of levels of interpretation and application.

As a teaching resource, the ABC unit may be used as an introduction to a theme or as a wrap-up and review study. Each Alphapoetic unit offers an opportunity for individual or group in-depth study of a specific aspect of WWI. An ABC of Canada in WWI is a challenging Independent Study Unit for a class. It may also lend itself as a Summative.

A Family Affair is a five verse narrative poem that encapsulates the era and identifies the family links between the royal houses of Germany, Russia and Britain. This narrative invites group discussion and interpretation. It also provides students an opportunity for oral presentation through dramatic skits or music.

An ABC of Canada in WWI teacher resource also includes a modified **Just-A-Minute** game based on a long running BBC Radio Game Show. Developed for the BBC by Ian Messiter, permission to modify for school use was granted to Tom Dykes.

Just-A-Minute is an ideal companion to the ABC of Canada in WWI. It is a most challenging and entertaining vehicle for students to showcase their knowledge of a subject or topic. This component also provides support for public speaking skills, listening skills and teamwork

“The ABC concept is wonderful and I believe that this material is in a format that can reach students in various grades.” **Elizabeth MacIntyre, Our Lady of Peace, Oakville. (2003)**

“Tom’s History of Canada resources were a hit with my students - the strongest endorsement one could hope for.”

Pat Donald, Maplehurst, Public School, Burlington. (2000)

The sources created by Tom Dykes can be used for a full unit, preview or review of the curriculum for students and it is easy to use.”

Robert Radway, Social Science Dept., Burlington Central High School. (2015)

“Tom, your ABC of the American Revolution is fantastic! It’s a great resource.”

Joanna Batt, American History, Nardin Academy High School, Buffalo, NY. (2015)