

December 19th

Christmas in the Trenches

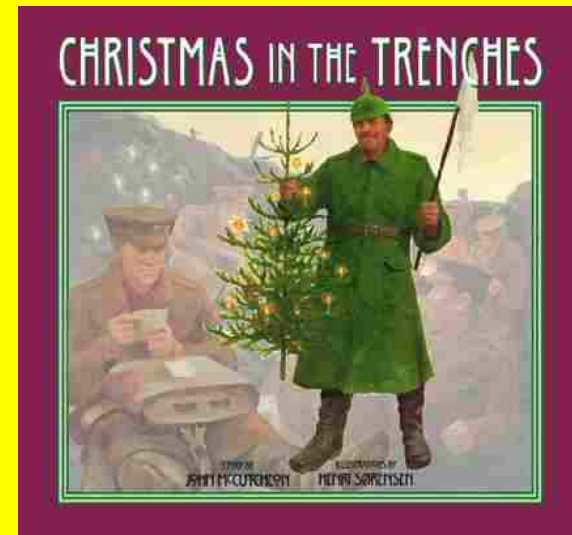
Christmas time during a war is difficult. Watch this clip and think about how the soldiers are coping



LO:
Knowledge: The
Christmas Truce 1914

Your Mission:

- Write a Christmas letter home to your family describing Christmas in the trenches
- Begin by making notes on what happened from this video
- Now listen to this letter home from a soldier on the front
- Use the information in the envelopes on your desks to help you



Christmas 1914 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTXhZ4uR6rs>

Oh what a lovely war <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fHObCL2luMw>

Joyeux Noel trailer <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRrr-CDXijs>

Letter from a soldier <http://www.christmastruce.co.uk/unknown.html>

The British officers didn't want their soldiers writing home about how they had made friends with the Germans. Why not?

They didn't want people to think of the Germans as HUMAN. They were still trying to convince everybody that they were evil and NOT THE SAME as British people so that more people would sign up to fight.

Task:

Censor the letter. Using your highlighter, take out everything that refers to the Germans in a friendly way.

