



### **Character A**

You are a former British soldier who volunteered to serve in the Army during 1915 when the whole group of your friends from the same part of London joined up as a “pals battalion” before men were forced to become soldiers through conscription in 1916. You saw most of your friends killed during 1916 and 1917 but survived yourself. You have returned from France but cannot find any work.

### **Character B**

You were a conscientious objector during the war and you refused to fight or serve in the war effort because you believe that war is completely wrong. You come from a group of strong Christian believers called the Quakers. As a result of your refusal to fight or serve you were imprisoned by the British government.

### **Character C**

You are a Canadian soldier who volunteered to fight on the Western front. You saw many of your comrades die in battle and you are waiting for a ship to take you home to Canada.

### **Character D**

You were a writer who fought bravely as an officer on the Western Front but you were sickened by the violence that you saw. Your poems got more and more critical of the war effort. By 1918 you no longer believed that the war should have been fought.



### **Character E**

You are a war widow whose husband was killed in the Western front. You are trying to bring up a young family on a small war widows pension.

### **Character F**

Your name is Francis Derwent Wood and you were paid by Lord Beaverbrook's Canadian War Memorial's fund to create the sculpture Canada's Golgotha. You were already a famous British artist before the First World War. You volunteered to fight in the army but at 41 you were too old so you volunteered to help in hospital wards and were horrified by the terrible injuries that soldiers suffered from the Western Front. You helped to make facemasks made from thin copper sheets and painted realistically for badly injured soldiers to wear which covered their face wounds (a bit like plastic surgery).

### **Character G**

Your name is Lord Beaverbrook. You are a Canadian and a powerful newspaper owner who strongly supported Canada joining Britain against Germany as part of the British Empire. During the war the British government made you Minister of Information and you were responsible for keeping up morale on the British side through the spread of propaganda. You set up the Canadian War Memorials Fund to pay artists and sculptors to record and remember Canada's contribution to the war effort.



### **Character H**

You were a British official working in Lord Beaverbrook's Ministry of Information during the First World War. This ministry was responsible for spreading propaganda to keep up morale on the British side. Part of this propaganda involved spreading stories of German atrocities against French and Belgian civilians and also Allied soldiers. You know that some of the stories were untrue or exaggerated.

### **Character I**

You are a vicar in the Church of England who worked as a chaplain in the British Army during the First World War. You saw a lot of suffering, prayed with soldiers as they died and lead many funerals.