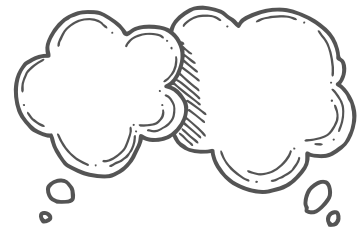


# ON REFLECTION



Memorialising... Life in the trenches of WWI

War memorials across the Highlands are moving evidence of the impact of world wars on our communities.

However, war memorials only remember those who died – what about the many individuals who made huge sacrifices and then returned to their communities after war? They would have tried to return to their normal lives, but it wouldn't have been easy.

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## EXPLORE

On the Western Front, soldiers fought World War One from a series of trenches – long ditches where they lived and slept, exposed to all weather. Conditions could be very poor – especially in winter.

Objects belonging to people from the past can help us to form a connection with them. Explore these objects from the trenches. Explore this mud-stained kilt from The Highlanders' Museum, and this brass cigarette box gifted to soldiers by Princess Mary from the Seaboard Centre collection.

What you can learn from them about life for men in the trenches?



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## TALK ABOUT IT

Before the First World War, it was unusual for war memorials to list those commemorated.

Why do you think it's important to include individual names on war memorials?



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## TRY IT YOURSELF

Many towns and villages have their own war memorials which were designed after the First World War. The names of the victims of World War Two were often added later. Each memorial is unique.

The 'Men of Glencoe' war memorial is designed in the form of a Celtic cross with an intricate knot pattern on a square plinth. Find out where your nearest war memorial is and pay it a visit.

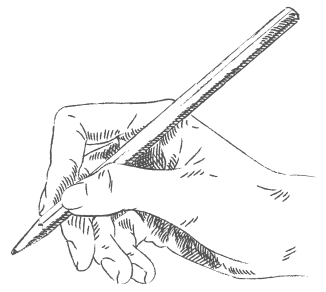
- Have you been before?
- What sort of design does it have?
- Do you think it's an appropriate design for the occasion?
- How would a memorial for survivors be different from a memorial for the fallen?
- Do you know of any of your relatives who fought in a war?



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## CREATE A COMMEMORATION

Use this page to plan your ideas.



Who do you want to commemorate?

Why do you want to remember what happened to them?

What could your design look like? What shapes or pictures could you include?

What message could you write?

