

Imperial War Museum : first world war.

Go down the ramp and turn left into the First World War Exhibition.

1 THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR

Look at the big photograph of people in a car and the list of events next to it.

- What happened in Sarajevo on 28 June 1914?

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- What happened after Germany invaded Belgium on 4 August?

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Now go through the Exhibition until you come to the section called *RECRUITING IN BRITAIN 1914-1915*.

2 RECRUITING Find this poster.



- Whose face is it? (Case 4 will help you)

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- Fill in the missing words on the poster.

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- Watch the display opposite to see some other recruiting posters

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Go into the next section on *THE WESTERN FRONT*

3 THE TRENCHES

Look in case 7.

- Write down some of the presents sent to British soldiers for Christmas 1914.

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- Why do you think some soldiers kept these instead of using them?
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- The soldiers got very cold in winter. Can you find something that might help to keep them warm?
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- Now find something else that made life in the trenches uncomfortable.
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- Now move on and find the model of the trenches in a glass case. Find the British and German **front line** trenches. Write a sentence describing the **No Man's Land** between them.
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- Find the metal tree stump. What do you think it was for ? (The model in the case will help you)
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Now walk through the TRENCH. Go very quietly and notice the sights, sounds and smells of trench life.

4 WOMEN'S WORK

Go into the HOME FRONT Move on to case 35

As more men went to fight, women were needed to do their jobs at home.

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- Look at the model of the munitions worker. What is she wearing ?
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- From the display, try to work out two reasons why she needed special clothes.
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- Find these women on the posters. What sort of organisations are they asking women to join ?



Imperial War Museum : the blitz.

Go to the lower ground floor and into the **Second World War** exhibition. Go into the section called *The Home Front 1939-45* and stop at **Case 56**.

- What was the Blitz?

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- When was it ?

- *Watch the colour film on the wall* and describe what you see using some of the words below. (**rubble, bombed, broken windows, dangerous, safe, normal, strange**)

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Look at Case 56 again. In the war lots of people took on extra jobs in the evening to help with the dangers in the Blitz.

- Work out from the models and other items on display what jobs the following organisations did:

ARP :

AFS :

WVS :

People went to **shelters** to protect themselves from bombs. Underground stations were very popular.

- Can you work out why?

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- Now find the real shelter on display. It is called an **Anderson Shelter**. Describe it.

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Imperial War Museum : rationing and shortages.

Go to the Second World War historical Exhibition.

Find the **Home Front** section and go to the **Case 59**

During the war there were shortages of important things such as food, clothes, soap, petrol, metal etc. People were asked to use less and to take care of what they used. This was called "austerity".

AUSTERITY

In **case 59** you will see a display about the Utility Scheme.

What did the Utility scheme aim to do ?

What did you need apart from money to buy new clothes ?

What were you expected to do instead of buying new clothes ?

FOOD RATIONING

Look at the display in **case 60**.

Look at the plates of food, which contain the basic foods that were rationed.

Fill in on the chart how much food was given out each week.

Think about which countries these foods come from.

Food	Amount

Why do you think these foods needed to be rationed ?

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What was good about rationing ?

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Look at the posters

How did the government try to get people to eat lots of carrots ?

What two things were given to the children to make them healthier ?

OTHER SHORTAGES

What other things apart from food were you told to keep and re-use ?

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What could these things be turned into ?

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