

Comment, Circle, Star

Equipment:

- A3 sugar paper
- Pens

Task:

Take six large pieces of paper and write a question in a cloud in the centre. Choose from the selection below:

- What do you already know about the First World War? What else would you like to know?
- Why do wars happen?
- What happens around Remembrance Day? How is the end of World War One remembered?
- Should we still be remembering the First World War one hundred years on, or is one hundred years enough?
- Should we only remember those who lost their lives in the First World War, or other people as well? If so, who and why?
- What do you think it would have been like in the trenches? Use your best descriptive vocabulary.
- If God was watching the First World War, what might God think of it all?
- What would you like to ask God about war and peace?
- Can we still believe in a powerful and loving God in the light of the suffering in World War One?

Comment

Place these pieces of paper around the class, and give pupils a couple of minutes at each table to think of questions and comments to write. Ask pupils to place their initials by their responses.

Adults are more than welcome to join in (perhaps to act as Devil's advocate!).

Circle

Once sufficient time has passed, tell pupils that they can now comment on what someone else has said. To do this, they need to circle the comment/question they would like to respond to, draw a line from it, and then write their response.

Star

Tell pupils that they now have ten 'stars' to give away. They can place a * by the ten most interesting, thoughtful, deep or well-explained comments made by their peers.

You might like to finish by discussing any questions raised or addressing any misconceptions that have arisen.