



## Part 3: KS2 English Lesson Information Sheet

### Centenary of the First World War

*Creative Competition Information Sheet: with rules and tips on how students can complete and enter their poetry. This sheet is useful as a print out for lesson guidance and also useful for students to take home and to continue to work on their entry*

**Title:** CREATIVE COMPETITION - Create a poem to say Thank You to the First World War generation

**Subtitle:** In partnership with Never Such Innocence, we are holding a nationwide poetry, art and song competition for 9 to 16 year-olds to inspire young people to say Thank You.

**Text:** 100 years ago the war ended, and a new world began. The generation who gave so much during the war fought for more than just victory. They fought for a better world and shaped how we live today.

On the battlefield volunteers from across the Commonwealth served alongside each other. British Forces included Hindus, Sikhs, and Muslims whose descendants play a central role in our culture today.

Back in Britain women played a huge role working in factories and making munitions, paving the way for women gaining the right to vote in 1918.

During the war there were major advances in medicine, manufacturing, and innovation. Pioneering doctors and nurses vastly increased our understanding and use of x-rays, blood transfusions, and reconstructive surgery. And manufacturers developed products that are commonplace today, such as tissues.

The war also influenced poets, painters, composers and writers - Lord of the Rings author JRR Tolkien served as a soldier during the Battle of the Somme.

**Prize:** The best entries may be featured at The Royal British Legion's Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall, attended by Her Majesty The Queen and members of the Royal Family. There are also lots of other interesting prizes up for grabs ranging from merchandise to sweet treat hampers.

#### **Five rules for the poetry competition:**

1. All poems must have a title and must not exceed 40 lines in length
2. Poems must be the original work of the entrant
3. Poems should be typed on a single sheet of A4 in black ink at a minimum size of 12pt, submitted electronically in one of the following formats: .mov .avi .mpeg .mpg

.mkv .jpg .jpeg .png .gif .psd .pdf .mp3 .wav OR by using copy and paste into the 'Poem' field on the online forms

4. Uploaded files must not exceed 1gb
5. Entries may be written in any language

**Deadline:** 11th September 2018

Make sure your poem is:

**Respectful** for the service and sacrifices made

**Thankful** for their contribution to our way of life and freedoms

**Inspired** by their example and contribution

**Stirring** and emotional but not celebratory, jingoistic or militaristic

**Connected** with today's Britain

**Forward**, not backward looking

**Inspirational** and not desolate

Find out more about the competition and how to enter at: <http://Rbl.org.uk/thankyou-comp>