

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Charlie will have a better understanding of World War I, including its causes, major events, and consequences. He will also explore the experiences of soldiers and civilians during the war and gain insights into how the war shaped the modern world.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen for notes and reflections
- Art supplies (colored pencils, markers, paper) for creative activities
- Access to a quiet space for reading and activities
- Basic knowledge of the timeline of events leading up to World War I (assumed prior knowledge)

Activities

• Timeline Creation:

Charlie will create a timeline of key events leading up to and during World War I. This will help him visualize the sequence of events and understand how they are connected.

• Letter Writing:

Charlie will write a letter as if he were a soldier in World War I, describing his experiences and feelings. This activity will encourage empathy and allow him to express what he has learned creatively.

• Artistic Representation:

Using art supplies, Charlie will create a poster that illustrates an important battle or event from World War I, incorporating key facts and details. This will help him engage with the material in a fun and visually appealing way.

• Discussion and Reflection:

At the end of the lesson, Charlie will discuss what he learned and reflect on how World War I has impacted the world today. This will help reinforce his understanding and encourage critical thinking.

Talking Points

- "World War I started in 1914 and lasted until 1918. It was one of the deadliest conflicts in history, with millions of soldiers and civilians affected."
- "The war was triggered by various factors, including nationalism, alliances, and imperialism. Can you think of how these issues might still affect countries today?"
- "Trench warfare was a significant part of World War I. Soldiers lived in harsh conditions and faced many dangers. How do you think that would feel?"
- "The war introduced new technologies, like tanks and airplanes. How do you think these inventions changed the way wars are fought?"
- "World War I led to major political changes, including the fall of empires like the Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires. Why do you think these changes were important?"
- "The Treaty of Versailles ended the war but also set the stage for future conflicts. What do you think could have been done differently?"
- "Many soldiers returned home with physical and emotional scars. How can we honor their

sacrifices today?"