

## ART ACTIVITY NINE: CREATE A SKETCH BOOK DIARY

### LINK TO ENGLISH ACTIVITY SEVEN

#### Learning objectives:

- To research a given subject;
- To discover the lives and experiences of a soldier in WWI;
- To use a variety of media to convey ideas in visual form.

#### Resources

- A note-book or sketch pad which can be put together from scraps of paper
- Charcoal
- Pencil/pen
- Up to 4 colours (pencil, paint, ink, felt-pen)
- Memorabilia pack

#### Introduction

1. Can you find examples of diaries, illustrations and sketches done by soldiers during WWI? Have a look at some things in the Memorabilia pack.
2. Find out what experiences they chose to write and illustrate. Who were these for? Were they to record a memory, document events or were they a means of "entertainment" e.g: cartoons or were they a creative/artistic response?

#### MAIN TASKS

##### Option 1

1. Using written material and information you will have gathered in English and History, choose up to 10 events and create your own narrative of events, experiences and images through drawing, using a sketch book. You can make this as wide ranging as you like, using different materials or limit yourself to one simple and direct means of expression e.g.: charcoal drawings with written text. You could introduce a limited colour palette.
2. Think about what colours you would use and why e.g: red can represent blood, poppies or both, yellow can be used to convey warmth, the sun breaking through smoke or illustrate mustard gas...

##### Option 2

1. Using the Diary you wrote in **ENGLISH ACTIVITY 7**, choose some diary entries you want to illustrate. Use the above suggestions for how to do this.
2. What do the sketches add to your written entries?