

JOIN ANDREW AND DISCOVER

ANDREW'S DREAM MUSEUM



Andrew is all eyes and ears when he visits the In Flanders Fields Museum with his dad, who works at the museum. The next day, he searches the house from top to bottom, from the little garden shed to the cellar. Discovering and collecting all day long, he opens his own dream museum by evening.



Are you ready to discover what Andrew has put in his museum?



PROPAGANDA

Supermarkets advertise a lot: 'save up points and collect all the little cars!'

When a war breaks out, the leaders of each country also use 'advertising' or 'propaganda': 'Join up! Become a soldier!'

- 1 Find the poster where the older man gives the younger soldier a hand. Which slogan would you put on it?

Even children are taught to get used to war from an early age. At the fair, waging war was sometimes made into a fun little game ...

- 2 Where do you have to hit the German soldier to score six points at this fairground stall?

- In his head
- his tummy
- his bottom



Is there an object you can't find right away?
Ask our kind colleagues at the museum to help you!



FLIGHT

When I'm unable to sleep, I put on my CD with soothing sounds. They help me doze off to dreamland more quickly. In 1914, however, many children could no longer find peace and quiet in their bedrooms.

- 1 1.5 million Belgians go on the run, fleeing for the war. Richard Wybouw tells the story of how he and his family have to flee. What did he carve into his walking stick?

- 2 What would you take with you to go on the run?
Pick your answer from stickers 1-6.





UNIFORMS

At the start of the war, some of the uniforms looked completely different. The soldiers looked like they were going to a carnival ...

- Which uniform did the French soldier wear? Attach the correct sticker. Do you think it's a good uniform? Why (not)?



CHRISTMAS

Christmas 1914 was the first Christmas which the soldiers celebrated at the front. By then, most of the soldiers had come to realize that the war might still last a long time.

- Which song did both sides sing?

- Which Christmas presents did these soldiers give to each other? Look at the bottom of the display case. Attach the correct stickers.



MEDICAL SERVICES



Nobody expected the war would affect so many people. So there weren't enough doctors, nurses, or ambulances. They even had to resort to using horses and carts!

- Take a good look at the cart in the museum. Where do you see the symbol for 'ambulance'? Draw it in the correct place:



WEAPONS



On my Nintendo I can play this game where you have to shoot everything that moves. The further you get in the game, the more powerful the weapons.



- Look at the weapons display with the war's latest and greatest weapons. When is something called a 'good weapon'?

When the weapon kills as many _____ as possible. Isn't that weird ... ?

AT THE FRONT



At our youth movement, we sometimes play 'Capture the flag'. The leaders blow their whistle: charge! When the game is over, everyone becomes 'alive' again. In real war, however, things aren't that easy ...

On a stone-cold day, a bullet pierces the wallet of Charles Snelling, which contains a photograph of his wife Alice and little daughter Nellie. Charles was unable to put his last postcard in the mail.

1 What do you think he wrote on it? Continue writing:



ANIMALS

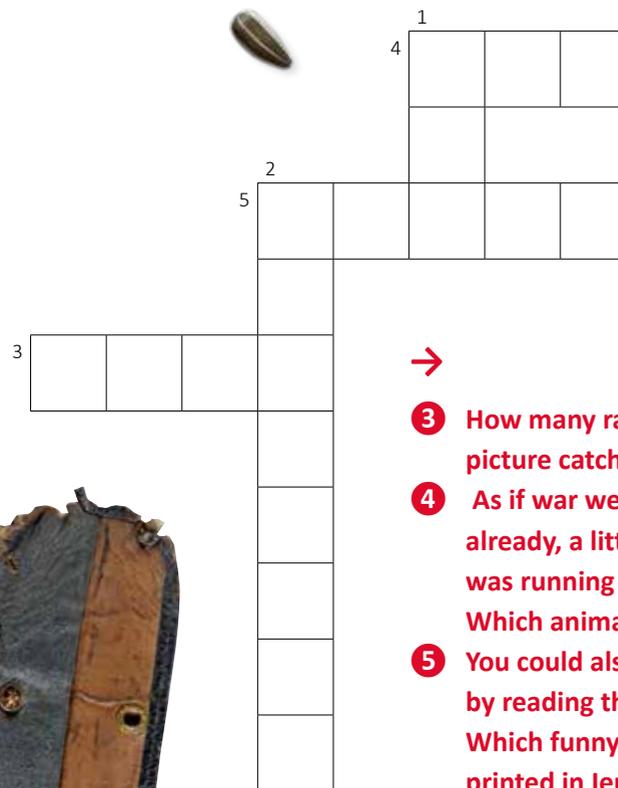


At home we have two guinea pigs, Bert and Ernie. These little seeds are their favourite food. War wasn't just horrible for humans, animals suffered a lot, as well.

Walk across the gangway that leads out of the trench, then look left.



- 1** To forget their sorrows, the soldiers sometimes liked to have a stiff drink. Which liquor was stored in the jug?
- 2** Father Jules was well-liked in the trenches, his dog was a great rat hunter! What was the name of his dog?



- 3** How many rats did the soldier in the picture catch?
- 4** As if war weren't horrible enough already, a little obnoxious animal was running around in the trenches. Which animal?
- 5** You could also forget your sorrows by reading the soldiers' newspaper. Which funny English newspaper was printed in Ieper? The Wipers

BEHIND THE FRONT



I love to play chess. The big army chiefs wage war as if it were a game of chess. From a safe distance behind the front they come up with their tactics and move their pawns. Cowards ...

But many more people live behind the front: women, children, the elderly. You might be living in your own home, but danger lurks around every corner ...

Now look around the corner ...

... for the underpants of Adiel Vermeersch. 100 years ago, underpants still had long legs!

1 Draw them.



2 What happened to Adiel?

MULTICULTURAL



When we go out for Chinese food, we get chopsticks instead of a knife and a fork. We fumble and we bumble, but it's super fun! I love hearing about how people live on the other side of the world.

Great Britain and France also ruled other parts of the world: Africa, America, Asia... Because the war lasted for so long, they needed new soldiers all the time. That is why young men from Morocco, Canada, China, Senegal, Jamaica ... ended up fighting here.

- 1** Which object from the display cabinet do you like most? Take a snapshot of it (in your mind).
- 2** Which country does the object come from? What was it used for?



3 Use your armband to look up the information on the screen!

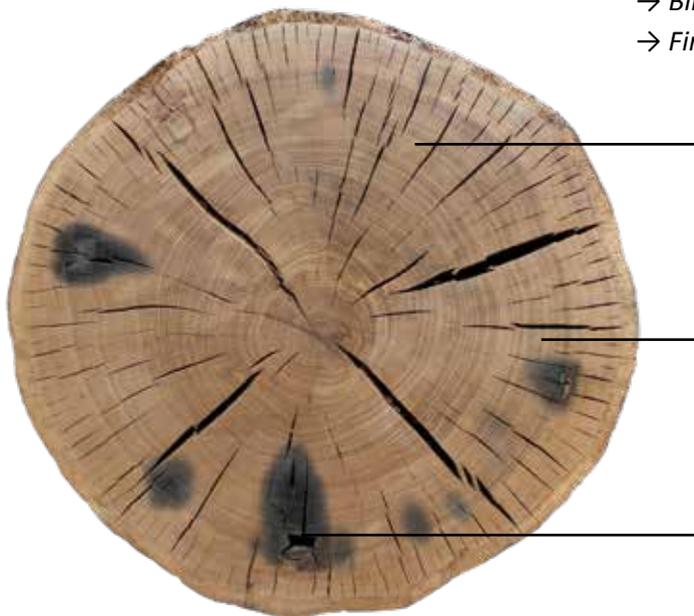




COMMEMORATING

People who lived through the war, are no longer around. Fortunately, nature is still here and it can also tell us what it was like. This tree experienced the war, but many other unforgettable moments, as well.

- 1 Attach the stickers to the correct annual ring:**
- *The first car!*
 - *Birth of Belgium!*
 - *First World War*



The grey wall in the museum displays the names of all civilians and soldiers who died in Belgium in the First World War, day by day.

- 2 How many people died on this day all those years ago? Also check *the Names List* website to see if any people with your family name died in the war?**
- _____

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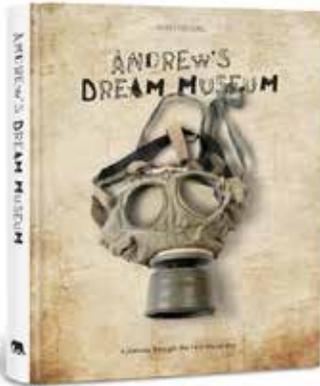
Why do we keep commemorating this war? Because everything that happened back then, is still happening now! Even today, children are killed by bullets, bombs, or gas. Even today, people are raking in money by making weapons.



- 1 Look at the flags to find out which war was raging in the year you were born.** _____

Maybe, someday, there will be enough children who understand that war never brings peace.

- 2 On the next page you can craft your own postcard. Write your own message of peace below.**



There you go, now you've seen and learnt from all the objects in my Dream Museum!

**Do you want to read my whole story?
You can buy my book Andrew's Dream Museum from the museum shop.**

Thank you for your visit!

Design your own museum at home. Fill in your name:
'... 's Dream Museum'. Now cut out the card and send it to someone
you care about a lot.

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