

Spunti per l'elaborato finale

L'evento

Puoi introdurre un evento storico o anche recente partendo da un testo simile a quello riportato qui di seguito. Scegli un evento che ti ha incuriosito o che hai avuto modo di approfondire. Collegalo agli argomenti studiati nelle altre discipline.

The Christmas Truce

The First World War was a trench war. On the western front there were long series of trenches, where German soldiers fought against British and French soldiers. The land between the trenches was called *no man's land*. Living conditions were terrible: the trenches were full of mud, rats and fleas and, often, also dead bodies. By the end of 1914 the soldiers were exhausted.



Before the first Christmas of the war, the soldiers hoped for a ceasefire, but the authorities did not want to call a truce. However in many places along the front, soldiers spontaneously stopped fighting. On 24th December the Germans decorated their trenches and sang traditional Christmas songs. British soldiers heard the famous song *Silent Night*. Then the British responded by singing carols, British Christmas songs. Opposing troops waved across the trenches, then courageously came out and met in *no man's land*. These men were enemies, but they were united by a common destiny.



The soldiers exchanged small gifts: chocolate, cakes, jam, whisky and cigarettes. Some even played football together. It was incredible. The French troops joined the truce and there were many similar episodes on the front. The truce lasted for a few days.



Then orders arrived: such episodes between enemies were forbidden. But news of this extraordinary unofficial truce reached the media and German and British newspapers published this story of friendship between opposing armies. This episode has inspired many songs, paintings, novels and films. There are also monuments to the event. One of these is in Ploegsteert in Belgium, it is an iron sculpture in the shape of a shell, with a football on the top.



Cross-curricular links

Arte: i monumenti commemorativi della Prima Guerra Mondiale

Storia: la Prima Guerra Mondiale

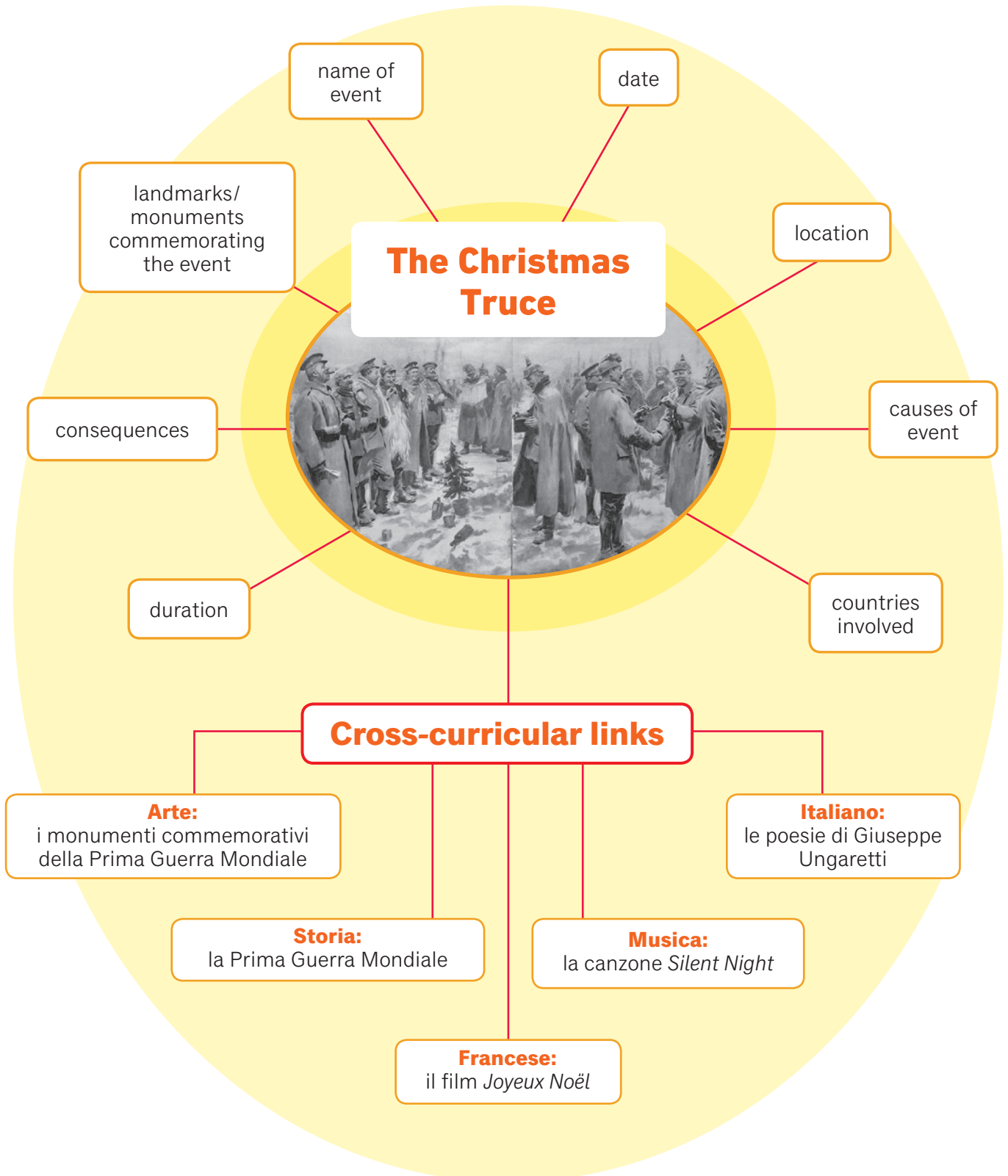
Musica: la canzone *Silent Night*

Francese: il film *Joyeux Noël*

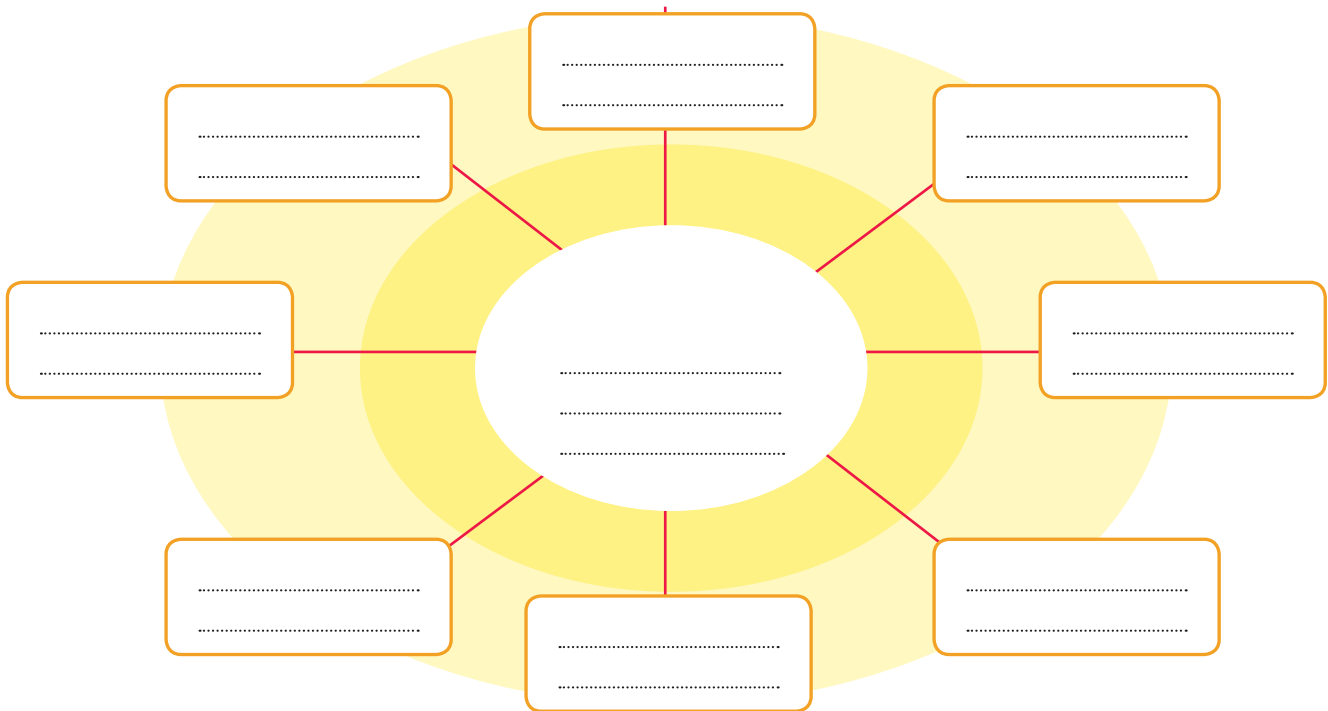
Italiano: le poesie di Giuseppe Ungaretti

Talking about a historical event

All'esame orale potresti dover **parlare di eventi storici studiati nel corso dell'anno**. Questa *mind map* potrebbe esserti utile per raccontare qualcosa sul famoso episodio della Tregua di Natale. Il testo a pagina 1 potrà esserti di aiuto per preparare questa esposizione orale.



Completa questa *mind map*, basandoti sul modello dato per *The Christmas Truce* e trovando i collegamenti con le altre materie.



Le seguenti *key words* e *useful expressions* ti saranno utili per esporre le tue conoscenze in inglese merito a eventi storici studiati, in particolare conflitti come, ad esempio, la Guerra Civile Americana o la Prima e la Seconda Guerra Mondiale.

| KEY WORDS | | | |
|------------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| war | guerra | army | esercito |
| battle | battaglia | civilians | civili |
| front | fronte | victims | vittime |
| trench | trincea | bombing attack | bombardamento |
| soldier | soldato | truce | tregua |
| troop | truppa | armistice | armistizio |
| enemy | nemico | | |

| USEFUL EXPRESSIONS | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| To be killed in ... | Essere ucciso in ... |
| To die of ... | Morire di ... |
| To fight against ... | Combattere contro ... |
| The war broke out in ... | La guerra scoppiò nel ... |
| The war lasted from ... to ... | La guerra durò dal ... al ... |
| The war finished in ... | La guerra finì nel ... |
| The war was won by ... | La guerra fu vinta da ... |
| Living conditions for ... were ... | Le condizioni di vita per ... erano ... |
| The event is remembered on ... in ... | L'evento viene commemorato il ... in ... |