

The Battle of Waterloo

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1. Read

War. Death. Poverty. Napoleon. Wellington. 1815. The Battle of Waterloo. Events, prominent figures and important battles from the 19th century are well-known but how much do you really know? Did you know for example that four armies, 200,000 soldiers, fought in the battle of Waterloo in 1815? Did you know that 12,000 people died and 35,000 were wounded? Did you know that this battle brought peace to Europe after 23 years of fighting? Did you know that 2015 is the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo? Is all this information new to you? Well, now is a great time to find out more. It is 200 years since this epic battle and you can visit the National Army Museum to see artefacts and read about the way the battle was fought. Our ancestors gave us peace, let's keep that peace alive and prevent future wars.

2. Do this quiz. Tick (a) or (b)

1. When was the Battle of Waterloo? (a) 1815 (b) 1915
2. How many soldiers fought in the battle? (a) 4 (b) 200,000
3. How many people lost their lives? (a) 12,000 (b) 35,000
4. How long did fighting in Europe last? (a) 200 years (b) 23 years
5. 2015 is the Battle of Waterloo (a) bicentenary (b) centenary
6. The National Army Museum is a (a) private exhibition. (b) public exhibition.

3. Research an important battle in the history of Italy. Write your own quiz. Swap quizzes with a partner.

Question 1 _____

Question 2 _____

Question 3 _____

Question 4 _____

Question 5 _____

Question 6 _____

Teachers Notes

2. Tick: a, b, a, b, a, b
3. Elicit some famous Italian battles from the class. Put them into groups and ask them to do some research. Then, in teams, they can formulate their own quiz questions.