

Life on the Home Front: A Historical Report

Learning objective: To write an informative report about the experiences of people living in Britain during the First World War.

Use this scaffold to structure your report. Ellie the elephant reminds us that history is all about listening to the stories of the past. Use the word bank to help your writing flow, and ensure your facts are clear and accurate.

During the First World War, life for those who remained in Britain changed dramatically as the entire nation joined the war effort.

Word bank: consequently · furthermore · in addition to · rationing · the Home Front · contributed · significant · hardship · effort · meanwhile

1. Introduction: Briefly explain why the First World War affected people in Britain even though they were not on the front line. Start with: 'The war changed daily life because...' (2 marks)

2. Rationing and Food: Describe how the government introduced rationing to manage food supplies. Start with: 'To ensure there was enough food for everyone, the government introduced...' (3 marks)

3. Women's Roles: Explain how the work of women changed during the war years. Start with: 'As many men went to serve in the armed forces, women began to...' (3 marks)

4. The Role of Children: Describe how children contributed to the war effort at home. Start with: 'Children also played their part by...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise the impact of the war on the British people. Start with: 'In conclusion, the First World War was a period of great...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a specific job that women took on during the war, such as working in a munitions factory or on a farm, and write a diary entry from their perspective.