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Questions and Tasks - PBS *The Great War*: Episode 2: Stalemate

Directions: Read the questions before the film starts. The page has two sides. Remember to answer in detailed fragments. The questions are in order in the film, though French readiness is mentioned more than once.

Poor Little Belgium:

- Describe the Schlieffen Plan and its impact in 1914.
- What was Big Bertha and how did it change fighting?
- How do the actions of Belgian civilians (include snipers) impact the German military?

To Berlin:

- Describe French readiness at the start of the war (include Paris and all of France).
- Why is it ironic that Joffre calls the bayonet “the supreme weapon for victory”?
- Describe how technology changed war.

The Emperor Trusted Me:

- Describe Russian readiness at the start of the war.
- Describe the Battle of Tannenberg.

Call to Arms:

- Describe British readiness at the start of the war.
- Explain the pals battalions and how these groups might impact morale (the feelings of the group).

My Dead Chums:

- Describe the Battle of Mons and its aftermath.
- Describe the First Battle of the Marne (1914)
- Describe the trenches (from interviews and primary sources).

Stalemate:

- Describe the war in 1914 when it became trench warfare.

Christmas 1914:

- Describe the Christmas Truce.