

A LETTER HOME

Setting the Scene

In World War I, hundreds of teenage boys enlisted with some of them as young as 14 enlisted to go to war. Many of them lied about their age on their enlistment forms and to their friends and family.

A LETTER TO A LOVED ONE

You survive the landing at Gallipoli, a few days later you are sitting in a trench waiting on new orders. You decide to write a letter to your loved ones back home. This is the first letter you have written since you arrived in Gallipoli.

Write a letter to a loved one about your experiences. This could be your parents, sister, brother or a good friend. Use the template right to help.

Describe what you think your first day would have been like on the Gallipoli peninsula including arriving onto the shores of Gallipoli. Use the video and think about what you would have felt if that were you. What would have gone through your head?

What sounds do you think you would hear during the day and night? What can you smell? What do you have access to? What do you see? How do you feel?

Dear _____,

I am alive and healthy. I arrived a few days ago on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. We arrived here on the 25th April just as dawn was breaking.

We have been here a few days now and my time here is nothing like I would have imagined.

I am not sure what tomorrow will bring but know that I love you all.

Your loving _____,

Your name:

