



Saltaire Stories
Past, Present and Future



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Research Project

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Context:

Both World Wars touched every community in Britain but the First World War brought the horrors of war on an industrial scale into everyone's life in a way never seen before.

In Saltaire, a total of 584 soldiers served. 127 died during the war, with another two unaccounted for.

You will need:

Saltaire Census records - contact salttairstories@gmail.com

[WWI The Saltaire Story](#)

Lesson Idea:

Visit the WWI memorial at Saltaire United Reformed Church. Ask each pupil to choose one name from the memorial to research.

Invite children to use the census records and WWI The Saltaire Story to discover some information about their chosen person.

As a longer research project, ask children to build up a fact-file on their chosen soldier. This could include headings such as:

Early Life (when and where born)

Family (what did other members of the family do? Did any relatives also serve in the war?)

Regiment (what regiments did they serve in? What did these regiments do during the war?)

Further Lessons:

This could easily be expanded into a series of writing lessons for English, including diary entries, letters home from the front etc.

Further Reading:

Local historian Colin Coates has published a wide range of information on Saltaire during the First World War. This can be read [here](#).