

# LETTERS FROM THE TRENCHES

In this project, you will pretend to be an American soldier fighting in World War I on the Western Front. The assignment is to write a letter home or in a diary. Your writing should reflect knowledge of the war as well as your feeling about the war and your experiences in the trenches.

Your writing should include ALL of the following:

- ✓ What caused the war (from the American point of view).
- ✓ Who was fighting in this war.
- ✓ How the Allied soldiers (on our side) felt about you being there.
- ✓ Why you, an American, are fighting in this war.
- ✓ The date (be careful here).
- ✓ The conditions in the trenches.
- ✓ The strategies of trench warfare (What did you see, feel and think about this first time experience?).
- ✓ A description of your exact location and what it looks like, and perhaps what it probably looked like before the war (Research a specific battle site or location).
- ✓ What the food, leaflets, weapons, etc. were like.

For special effect, include a map of where you are located, poetry, anything that adds to the authenticity of the writing.

**The writing should be done on "antiqued manila paper", handwritten, and in black ink (No blue ink, typewriters, or computers in the trenches back then!).**

You will be given in class time for research and writing yet, you are also required to work on this at home.