A FREE ANZAC DAY UNIT FOR NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS · YEARS 11 TO 13

Gallipoli Uncovered

What happened in 1915, and why. Told through our own families and towns.



Anzac Beach, 8 a.m., 25 April 1915. Photograph by L-Cpl Arthur Joyner. Public domain.

WHY IT MATTERS

9 in 100

About 9 in every 100 New Zealanders served overseas in the First World War. About 18,000 died. Almost every town has a memorial with their names.

NZHistory: New Zealand and the First World War; First World War by the numbers.

WHAT HAPPENED, AND WHY

One thing led to another

A murder in Sarajevo → Germany invades Belgium → Britain, so NZ, at war →

Ships fail at the Dardanelles → The Gallipoli landing → Stalemate and disease →

Evacuation → Anzac Day

NZHistory: New Zealand enters the First World War; Gallipoli in brief.

HOW IT WORKS

Four steps

- **Letter home.** Families send in the names of relatives who served.
- **Class roll of honour.** The teacher matches each name to his real record.
- **Students search.** Students work from primary sources to find his ship, his fate and his medals.
- **Visit.** Find WW1 graves in a local cemetery with the Cemetery Directory.

FIVE SHORT LESSONS · 20 TO 30 MINUTES EACH

Before Anzac Day 2027

1. 1 Why New Zealand went to war
2. 2 The landing, and why it failed
3. 3 Life at Gallipoli, and who served
4. 4 Coming home, and finding your soldier
5. 5 Anzac Day, the poppy and the Dawn Service

Anzac Day 2027 is Sunday 25 April, in the school holidays. Run the unit in the last weeks of Term 1 (ends Friday 9 April).

WHO SERVED

Not just one story

- 16,000 to 18,000 New Zealanders served at Gallipoli.
- The Māori Native Contingent landed at Anzac Cove on 3 July 1915.
- 550 New Zealand nurses served overseas in the war.
- Men from Niue and the Cook Islands joined from 1915.

WW100; NZHistory: Māori Contingent at Gallipoli; New Zealand and the First World War; Niueans and Cook Islanders.

WHAT STUDENTS LEARN

Cause, effect, and people

- Why the war began, and why New Zealand joined.
- Why Gallipoli was tried, and why it failed.
- How to read a real service record.
- Why we remember, and how to do it with respect.

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Lest we forget



No accounts. Students' names stay on your device. Records from Auckland Museum's Online Cenotaph.

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