ACTIVITY # 1

CHRISTMAS AT THE FRONT

Christmas in the Trenches
- John McDermott

Listen to the song and use the enclosed sheet to follow along with the lyrics.

1) Retell the story in your own words.

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Read the excerpt of a letter written in January 1915 by a private in the London Regiment. Answer the following questions.

1) Compare and contrast this excerpt with the song “Christmas in the Trenches”.

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2) Fighting between the allies and enemies stopped for Christmas, but resumed on Boxing Day, December 26. Imagine that it is December 26, 1914 and you are fighting on the front line. Write a letter to your loved one(s), dated December 26, 1914, describing your feelings about war and the past twenty-four hours.
Read the enclosed selection and answer the following questions.

1) What do you suppose the German soldiers were thinking and feeling toward the Canadian soldiers on Christmas Day, 1917?

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2) What is strange about soldiers singing carols and exchanging gifts for Christmas?

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