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| Historical Fiction | A book of *history* gives only the facts about an event in the past. A book of *fiction* tells a story imagined by the author.  A book of *historical fiction* tells an imagined story surrounded by many accurate details from a moment of history. | *Lord of the Nutcracker Men* is an imagined story with many facts from history.  So it is a book of  \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_  \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ |
| London,  Great Britain | London is the capital city of Great Britain. In 1914, seven million people lived there. It was the largest city in the world in 1914. | How many people lived  in London in 1914?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Cliffe | Cliffe is a tiny village in southeast Britain. Only 1000 people live there in 2015. It is very remote, isolated, windswept, and quiet. | Think of four different words to describe the village of Cliffe.  (Do not copy the words at left)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Kaiser Wilhelm II | *Kaiser* means *king* in German. Kaiser Wilhelm II came to power in 1888. He was a hot-headed, selfish, unthinking ruler who led his country into war. | Cross out the words that do NOT describe Kaiser Wilhelm:  smart greedy foolish wise caring calm pushy generous |
| Tommies | British soldiers were called Tommies as a sort of nickname. German soldiers would call out, “Hey, Tommy!” | What did German soldiers call the British soldiers?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Fritz | British soldiers called the German army Fritz, as if it were one man. “Here comes Fritz,” meant, “The German soldiers are coming.” | What name did the British soldiers call the German army?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Military Rank | General: commands 300,000 soldiers  Lieutenant: commands 50 soldiers  Sergeant: helps lieutenant.  Private: an ordinary soldier | Johnny’s dad has low rank.  Is he a general or a private?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| Shells | A shell was a two-foot long, eighteen-pound container packed with explosives and pieces of metal.  Shells were fired from a huge artillery gun, like a cannon. | The main weapons of World War I were called  \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ |
| Guy Fawkes Day | On November 5, 1605, Guy Fawkes set gunpowder in a royal building to kill the king. He was caught, and bonfires were lit around the city to celebrate. British people still light bonfires on November 5 and burn a straw man, Guy Fawkes. | On what day did Johnny go to the bonfire in Cliffe with his straw man Guy Fawkes?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ , \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ |
| Telegraph | An electrical signal, a click, is sent along wires. Each set of clicks represents a letter, in Morse code. Short messages in the click code could be sent at great speed, then clerks would decode the clicks and write down the message. | In the book, the postman listens to the clicks, then writes down the message. This is called a  \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ |
| No-Man’s-Land | Between the trench line of the Germans and the trench line of the British and French was often an empty field, too dangerous to cross. Neither side controlled it, so it was called no-man’s-land. Armies attacked across no-man’s-land. | What is the name for the field between the two enemy trenches?  \_ \_ - \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ - \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ |
| Ypres, Belgium | The German army rolled through Belgium on its way to France. It was stopped in the north Belgian town of Ypres. (Hard to pronounce: it’s *Eep*.) Huge battles were fought in Ypres in 1914, 1917, and 1918. The town was destroyed. | Johnny’s father is fighting in a trench near a town in Belgium. What is the name of that town?  \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_  What happened to it after four years of fighting?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |