

Battles That Shaped Britain's History

Teachers' Notes : Wellington vs Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo

Battles That Shaped Britain's History is a terms project that looks at key battles over the last 2000 years. This week we are looking at the final battle of the Napoleonic wars, Waterloo.

1. Look at the time line and where this battle fits in. This was a period when the major countries were stretching their muscles around the world. We were constantly fighting the French for territories, especially in North America.
2. There is an information pack of 6 pages about the battle of Waterloo and some background history for Napoleon and Wellington. These will be needed for the activities below.
3. **First Activity:** The activities pages start with a cloze passage about the battle of Waterloo, described on page 1 of the information pack. Children can either just fill in the spaces or rewrite the whole passage.

Second Activity: The second activity again is a comprehension task and requires sentence answers. They need to read pages 2 and 3 of the information sheets about the eye witnesses account of the battle..

Third Activity: This is a research activity and requires the children to choose one activity from a choice of three. They will need access to reference books or the internet though there is some information in the info pack to get them started.

Some internet sites worth looking at are:

www.britanexpress.com/history/battles
www.historyonthenet.com
www.eyewitnesstohistory.com
www.history-uk.com
www.britishbattles.com
www.bbc.co.uk/schools

Taking Notes Effectively

What is the piece of writing about ?

Read the introduction and headings.

Look at the illustrations, charts and graphs and read the captions.

What are the main points or ideas ?

Read through carefully thinking about what the main points or ideas are.

Make your notes

In your own words, summarize the information. Do not copy information directly from the book or internet. If you include a quote that is written in the book, use quotation marks.