



Student worksheet 4: The human costs of war

Each Remembrance Day, we think about the sacrifices Canadians have made in the past and are continuing to make today in defence of Canada and human rights in the world.

Use the statistics on page 1126 of the *Canada Year Book 1947* to fill in the table below and reflect on what you have learned to better understand the human cost of war.

	1914 to 1918	1939 to 1945
Total fatal battle casualties		
Total fatal non-battle casualties		
Total non-fatal casualties		
Total fatal casualties		
Total number of enlistments		

Analysis and reflection

Canada sent more troops to fight in the Second World War, but suffered greater fatal casualties in the First World War. Suggest reasons why this is the case.

Sometimes, non-fatal casualties are considered worse than fatal casualties. Why do you think some people feel this way?

In our Remembrance Day thoughts, we often concentrate on the sacrifices of the military personnel who died or suffered serious injuries. Who else should be remembered? Who else suffered because of these losses? Explain your answers.
