In this lesson, you will explore websites to collect information about World War I.

Keep in mind: South Carolina has just over   
5 million people.

# Part 1 Instructions: Click the links below and use the information to complete the table and each item.

# [The Great War Infographic](https://cdn.britannica.com/15/177515-050-7C4AC18B/collection-facts-World-War-I.jpg) [Casualties of World War One](https://www.clairmontpress.com/SC21/sc21_common/internet%20activities/docs/WorldWarOneData.pdf)

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|  | ***Allied (Entente) Powers*** | ***Central Powers*** |
| ***Countries*** |  |  |
| ***Killed/Died*** |  |  |
| ***Prisoners/Missing*** |  |  |
| ***Military Wounded*** |  |  |

1. What was the total number of military personnel killed or wounded in World War I?   
   Killed/Died \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Wounded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why do you think the total number of U.S. troops killed was so much less than many of the other Allied Powers? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
     
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3. Military deaths for the U.S. Civil War totaled about 558,052. Give at least two reasons why there might have been more Civil War deaths than World War I deaths for Americans.  
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**Part 2 Instructions:** The links below will take you to primary source documents related to a World War I soldier from South Carolina. Read the information and then read the primary source documents in order. Use the information to complete the item below.

**United States Army (Regular)**

**Soldier’s name:** Talmage W. Gerrald

**Enlisted:** February 1917 **Age:** 21\*

**Parents:** Charles K. Gerrald (deceased); Mattie R. Gerrald

**Address:** Galivants Ferry, Horry County, SC

**Assignments: (**Feb. 22, 1917) Fort Screven, GA – Machine Gun Company 26 Infantry; (date unknown) Company D 2nd Brigade Machine Gun Battalion; (June 14, 1917) American Expeditionary Forces to France

**Rank:** private; promoted to corporal July 22, 1917

\**based on Census records, Talmage’s age appears to have actually been 18. He was the oldest of eight children.*

Document 1: [Letter July 8, 1917](https://cdm16821.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/api/collection/p16821coll27/id/12/download) Document 2: [Letter December 3, 1917](https://cdm16821.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/api/collection/p16821coll27/id/30/download)

Document 3: [Letter December 30, 1917](https://cdm16821.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16821coll27/id/79) Document 4: [Letter February 3, 1918](https://cdm16821.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16821coll27/id/9)

Document 5: [Letter May 10, 1918](https://cdm16821.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16821coll27/id/59) Document 6: [Letter June 1918](https://cdm16821.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16821coll27/id/75)

Document 7: [Article June 16, 1918](https://flickr.com/photos/23117774@N04/2365926783/) Document 8: [Letter June 22, 1918](https://cdm16821.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16821coll27/id/2)

Document 9: [Photographs](https://blogs.furman.edu/library-news/2014/05/21/memorial-day-hours/)

Write a paragraph summarizing what you learned about Corporal Talmage Gerrald.

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**Finished Early?** War posters were used to get information to Americans and to help them to think in certain ways about the war. Check out these World War I posters.

[Poster 1](http://docsouth.unc.edu/wwi/41935/100.html) [Poster 2](http://docsouth.unc.edu/wwi/41894/100.html) [Poster 3](http://docsouth.unc.edu/wwi/41898/100.html)

Which do you think would have been the most effective? Why?

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