**The 1918-1920 ‘Flu’ Pandemic**

In groups of 6 each person selects a different topic to research from the list below.
The links at the bottom will help but others can also be used.
All the topics can be made more interesting by including details such as individual’s names or first-hand accounts.
Any sources used must be recorded (a copied url is fine for websites).

1. *Possible origins of the pandemic and why it was known as Spanish ‘flu’ (could include alternative names used in other countries)*
2. *Reasons it spread so easily i) among the armed forces ii) among civilians*
3. *Facts and figures – how many were infected and how many died in different countries (even better if expressed as a percentage of the population at the time)*
4. *Control measures taken at the time to try and prevent/slow the pandemic*
5. *Research efforts during the pandemic*
6. *The pandemic’s legacy (effect on society, medicine and politics)*

After lesson 1 all those researching each topic will share their findings with each other. They must write down any ideas they had not yet discovered.

Each person then returns to their group and summarises all they have found out, either from their original research or during the sharing of ideas.

Introduction and two possible causes – US perspective (video): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XQ9WX4qVxEo>

Part 2 of video above (the virus arrives at the Western Front): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gt-VQGNiSWU>

Part 3 of video above (trying to identify the pathogen): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHlYBBZL_y8>

Part 4 (the effects of the high death rate and more research): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHGz4QvDVlM>

Part 5 (the global spread and role in home rule movements): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QSxaojFNAsU>

Part 6 (the aftermath and legacy): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSLKFwXBdbg>

NB: each video above is about 10 minutes so you will need to be selective.

BBC Schools: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/0/ww1/25403865>

Historic UK: <https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofBritain/The-Spanish-Flu-pandemic-of-1918/>

Why this strain of virus was so deadly: <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/276060.php>

Voices of the First World War (Radio 4): <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b09xnl5d>

Could this happen again?: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/health/2018-04-13/flu-pandemic-1918-what-happened-and-could-it-happen-again/9601986>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06l5h0x>