



The Life They Came to Know: Infantrymen in World War I

Researching the lives of the High Spen Heroes will help the children to:

ICT

- talk about the information they need and how they can find and use it (for example searching the internet)
- to interpret information, to check it is relevant and reasonable and to think about what might happen if there were any errors or omissions.

English

EN3 Writing 1

- choose form and content to suit a particular purpose (for example notes to read or organise thinking...)

The British Empire sent almost 9 million men to war between August 1914 and November 1918. Of these 900,000 were killed and 2 million wounded. Dozens of High Spen men joined up including Frederick Dobson and Thomas Young. Both showed enormous courage and won the Victoria Cross, Britain's highest award for gallantry. Remarkably both survived to tell their stories.

High Spen Heroes

The High Spen VC's had exciting army lives - dangerously exciting. This is your chance to research their history and tell their story. Use these websites to help you complete the profiles for our heroes.

- Remember, you may have to read/scroll through several pages to find the information you need.
- When you track down the 'golden nuggets' you are looking for, select and cut and paste them into a word document.
- Use the info you have collected to fill in the profiles in your own words.



Frederick William Dobson

<http://www.mainlesson.com/display.php?author=leask&book=heroes&story=dobson>

<http://www.shinyapstar.com/dobson.htm>

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/DUR/HighSpen/Part3.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederick_William_Dobson

<http://www.coldstream-scotland.co.uk/guards.html>

http://www.bpears.org.uk/Misc/Gateshead_Plaques/

Thomas Young

<http://www.shieldsgazette.com/news/FO-R-OUR-HEROES.1957461.jp>

<http://www.lightinfantry.me.uk/vctyoung.htm>

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/DUR/HighSpen/Part3.html>

http://www.bpears.org.uk/Misc/Gateshead_Plaques/



Victoria Cross Profile: Frederick William Dobson	
Frederick Dobson was born in the year	
His hometown was	
Before the war he	
Fred joined the army in	
His regiment was	
The regimental motto was	
Fred earned his Victoria Cross in 1914 like this	
After the war he	



Fred died in	
The coolest thing I found out about Fred was	
If Fred was on a set of VC Top Trump cards, I'd give him a score of ____ because	



Victoria Cross Profile: Thomas Young	
Thomas Young was born in the year	
His hometown was	
Before the war he	
Thomas joined the army in	
His regiment was	
The regimental motto was	
In 1918, Thomas earned his Victoria Cross like this	
After the war he	



Thomas died in	
The coolest thing I found out about Thomas was	
If Thomas was on a set of VC Top Trump cards, I'd give him a score of ____ because	