Christmas Truce 1914



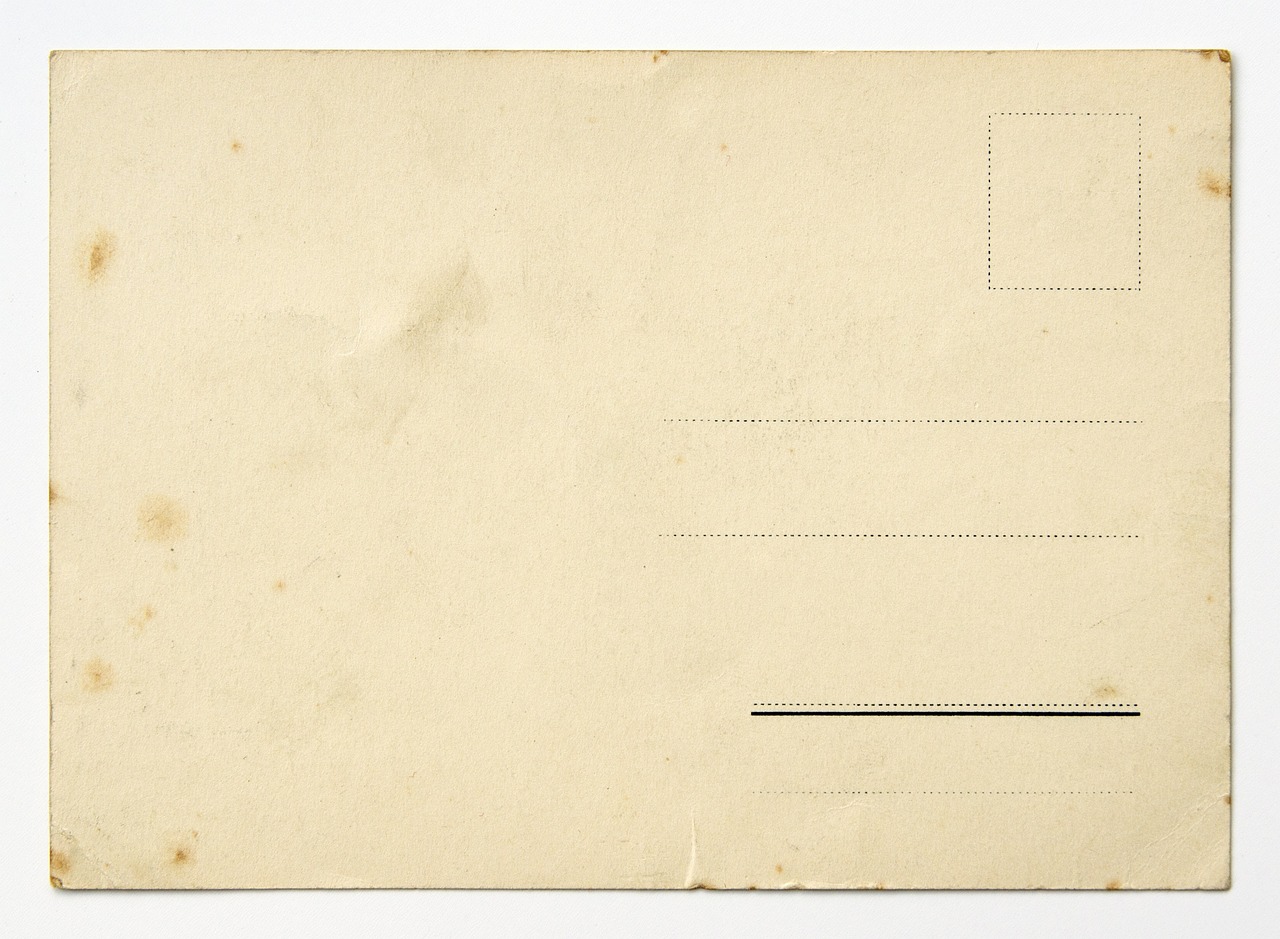
British and German troops meeting in No-Mans's Land during the unofficial truce. (Robson Harold B, Imperial War Museums, Public Domain)

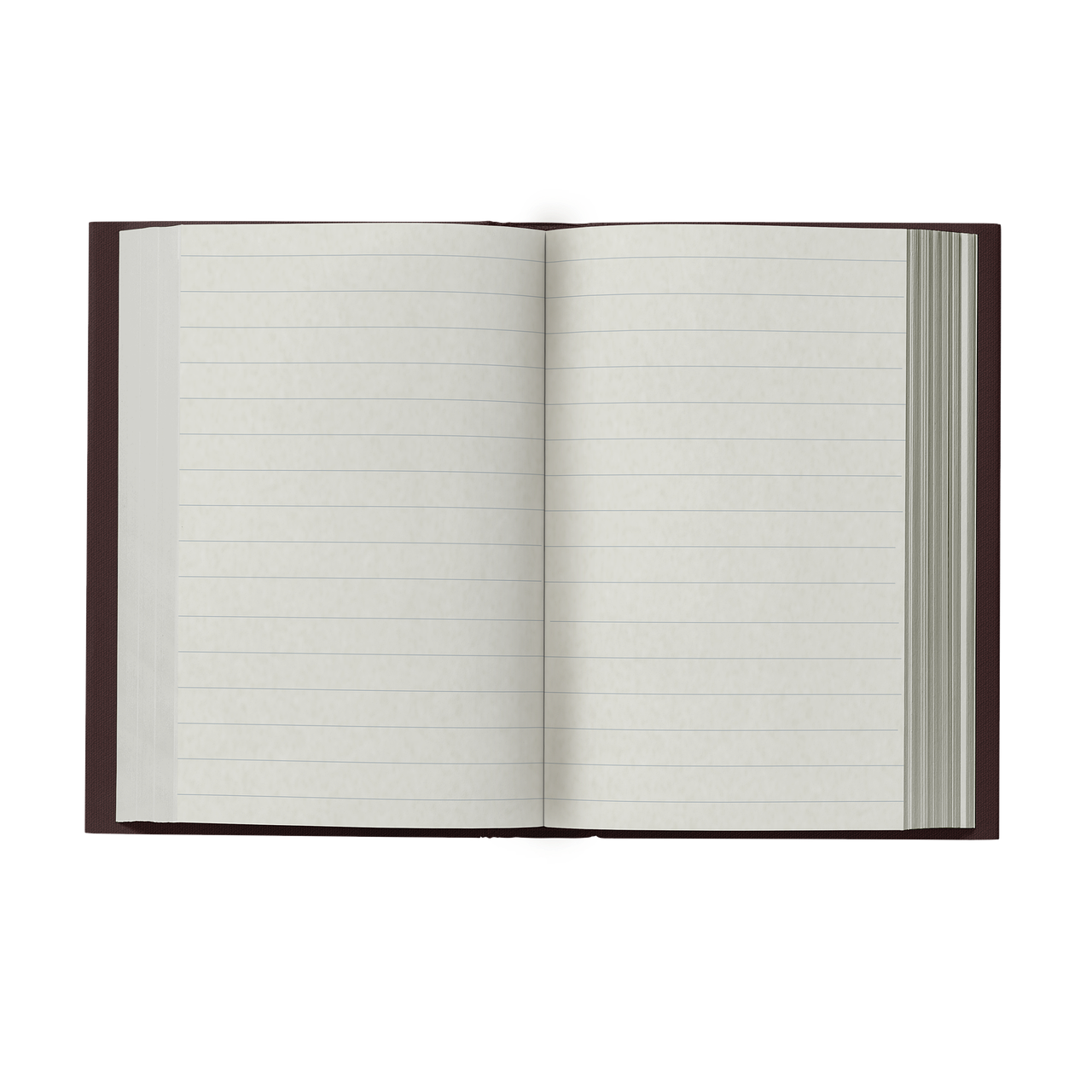
**1. Read the chapters „Background“, „Fraternisation“ and „Christmas 1914“ on following Wikipedia-entry:** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_truce>

**2. Translate following words into German:**

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| ceasefire |  | burial |  |
| troops |  | lamentable desire |  |
| battle |  | christmas carols |  |
| digging trenches |  | no man´s land |  |
| peace initiatives |  | joint services |  |
| fraternisation |  | Boxing Day |  |

**3. Imagine you were a British soldier on these frontlines at Christmas 1914. Write a postcard to your family or a diary entry about your experiences.**





**4. Sainsbury´s is one of the largest supermarket chains in the United Kingdom. 2014 at the 100th anniversary of the Christmas Truce from 1914 Sainsbury´s made a Christmas advertisement. This advertisement is not uncontroversial.**

**Watch the ad:** <https://video.link/w/38qRc>

**Make some notes for the following discussion about these questions:**

Is war pictured here glossed over?

Is it unethical to make an advertisement with war content?

Does the slogan “Christmas is for sharing!” suggest that “Sharing is buying!“?

**5. Discuss your outcomes with your classmates.**