



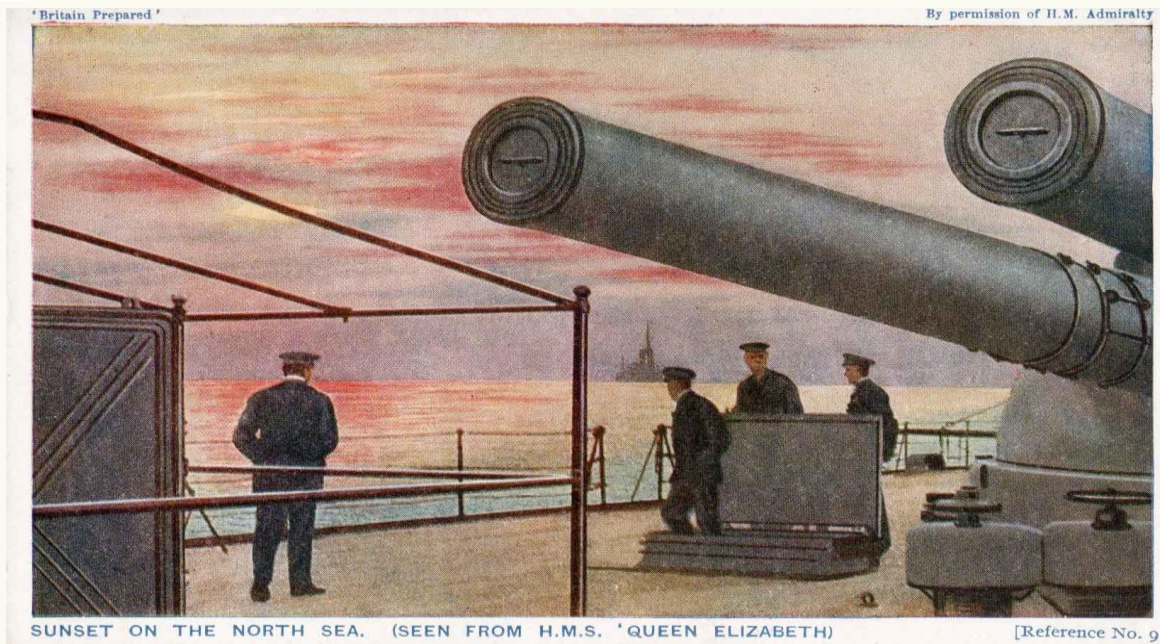
For Those in Peril on the Sea: Britain Prepared

Lesson Plan: Britain Prepared	
Teacher/s	Date
Subject History/Geography	Year
Learning Objectives Understand connections between local, regional, national and international history. Understand the methods of historical enquiry, including how evidence is used rigorously to make historical claims.	Success Criteria The children will be aware of the role of propaganda and morale in the First World War.
Key Questions Why were the <i>Britain Prepared</i> postcards published? How do they show the importance of the Royal Navy in the First World War?	
Starter Activity/Introduction The British people were deeply proud of the Royal Navy and convinced that the Senior Service would sweep the German Navy from the Seas. Discuss the title <i>Britain Prepared</i> . Ask: What might this mean in the context of the early years of the First World War? Why would this be a good title for a film and set of postcards? Why would it boost British morale if the people believed that the Navy was prepared?	Resources Britain Prepared Activity Sheet.
Main Activity Ask the children to analyse the image. List the main features that make it attractive and powerful - the sunset, the view from a battleship, the big 15 inch guns, the crewmen coming on deck, the official approval of the Admiralty. Make a judgement on the choice of this image: reassuring, strong, showing the power of the Navy to protect Britain.	Resources Britain Prepared Activity Sheet.
Plenary Emphasise the officially approved nature of the postcard and series - scenes from a propaganda film. The series sold well to the public. Why would people want to buy cards like this and see the film?	Resources Try websites like http://www.charlesurban.com/documents_prepared.html for additional background and images.





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This is a postcard showing HMS Queen Elizabeth, a powerful dreadnought battleship. It was one of a series of 24 postcards showing the Royal Navy training for war. The images used were taken from a film called *Britain Prepared* made in 1915.

Why do you think the postcard set and the film were called *Britain Prepared*?

What does the postcard show? Make a list.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Why do you think this image was picked to be a postcard?

Look up the *Britain Prepared* postcards online and view other images in the set. The British government and the Royal Navy helped to make the film and postcard set. Can you think why they might do this?