**Australia’s battles on the Western Front**

Use inquiry questions to understand the two major battles of WW1 involving Australian troops at Fromelles and The Somme. Read page 256 and do google research to answer the questions.

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|  | Battle of The Somme |
| Who was involved, who was in charge? | France, Australia, Britain, Germany  sir dougless haig |
| Why did the battle take place, was there a bigger picture? | The allys where trying to pass german lines |
| Where did it take place (eg Continent, country area, village etc)? | It took place near somme in france |
| When did it happen, how long did the battle last? | It lasted 4 months from mid 1917 to late 1918 |
| What happened:   * what technologies were used * what was involved in the battle * what were the casualties on either side * what was the outcome, was it a success (look at the bigger picture) | Heavy artilary was fired towards the germans to break the german lines. The allies then wanted to go through their lines to suround them, 90,000 british on the first day died  although many died this can be consisdered a success |
| How did it affect the outcome of the war, how is the battle remembered today? | it had a large impact and can be consisdered the turning point of the war. It is rememberd as a very bloody war |

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|  | Fromelles |
| Who was involved, who was in charge? | The anzacs and the british fighting the germans |
| Why did the battle take place, was there a bigger picture? | To prevent Germany from taking france |
| Where did it take place (eg Continent, country area, village etc)? | France, near paris |
| When did it happen, how long did the battle last? | 19th July 1916 |
| What happened:   * what technologies were used * what was involved in the battle * what were the casualties on either side * what was the outcome, was it a success (look at the bigger picture) | The allies planned a misdirection on the germans to stop the german reserve from reaching somme, this failed and it resulted in many Australian deaths, 5000 due to the Australians being caught in broad daylight. It is considered the most bloody 24 hours in  Australian history |
| How did it affect the outcome of the war, how is the battle remembered today? | It is remembered as a disaster for the allies and was not a success |