

Centre of the Cell's 'War on the Wards' Challenge



In our 'War on the Wards' show we learn all about how medicine has changed in the last 100 years, particularly after WWI. This was one of the largest wars the world had ever seen, and the first to use machine guns. This led to a huge amount of innovation in medicine such as the development of new prosthetics and the importance of blood typing.

Check out the student made animation on our website to learn more about this medical innovation:

<https://www.centreofthecell.org/learn-play/medical-history-2/wartime-medicine-and-innovation/animation-2/>

The Challenge: Do a first aid kit check

Find your first aid box, drawer or cupboard at home and check off all the items you have using the table below. Next, do some research and find out which of these first aid items would have been used during World War One, which took place between 1914 and 1918. How have first aid kits changed since then?

Item	Is it in your first aid kit?	Would it have been used during WWI?
Plasters (in a variety of sizes)		
Small, medium and large sterile gauze dressings		
Sterile eye dressings		
Triangular bandages		
Crêpe rolled bandages		
Safety pins		
Disposable sterile gloves		
Tweezers		
Scissors		
Alcohol-free cleansing wipes		

Let us know how your challenge goes on social media
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