



Albert Borella
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The Journey
Year 4 to Year 6

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Lesson objective

Students sequence events in chronological order and identify key dates

National Curriculum Links

- Math [timeline, order]
- History [sequence historical events]

Key Fact

Born in Victoria in 1881, Borella was lured to the Northern Territory with offers of pastoral land and prosperity in the Daly River district in 1913. After the outbreak of war, he travelled from Tennant Creek to Darwin to enlist. When he found out that he couldn't join up in Darwin, he boarded a ship to Townsville in Queensland where he enlisted and was posted to the 26th Battalion of the First Australian Imperial Force. He fought at both Gallipoli and the Western Front, was wounded, commissioned on the battlefield and awarded the Victoria Cross in 1918 by King George V.

Extension Activities

Research key dates during World War I and create a timeline using this information. Include annotations of the key dates.

Task

Students are to read about prominent war hero Albert Borella VC on the website (www.theborellaride.com.au/albert-borella/) and visit The Borella Ride Travelling Display, taking note of important events in his life and dates of which they happened.

Using the information gathered, students will develop a historical timeline showing the life of Albert Borella.

Students will need to:

- Present the timeline using appropriate scale (*Teacher to model how to rule a timeline in scale*)
- Include key aspects of his personal life, for example when he was born, married and died
- Include key points in his military service, for example enlistment date, presented with the VC medal
- Organise this information in chronological order
- Use historical terms and correct names for place and people

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Timeline: Fill in other important dates about World War I and Albert Borella's Life. Then cut out and paste in chronological order onto a timeline.

1881 7 August, Albert Borella born in Borung, Victoria		
1914 4 August, Britain and Australia enter the Great War	1915 January, Albert Borella makes the decision to volunteer in the Great War and began a long journey from Tennant Creek to Darwin	1915 15 March, Borella is formally enlisted into the Australian Army
	1918 July 17-18, Albert Borella earns the Victoria Cross for most conspicuous bravery in attack, at Villers-Bretonneux, France	
		1968 7 February, Albert Borella dies and is buried with full military honours in Albury



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