**Creative Conscription Assignment**

1. On a piece of lined paper describe what conscription is, taking care to explain how it was formed into law, who was conscripted and who was exempt.

2. Do two of the following assignments using half a page for each question. Be sure to indicate your choices.

A. You are Robert Borden writing a diary in 1917. Explain how and why you are going to increase Canada’s involvement in World War I. (Remember, this is a private document so you do not have to be polite or tactful when giving your reasons for why you want to increase Canada’s involvement).

B. You are a farmer in Saskatchewan in 1917. You have two sons, the oldest of whom is fighting in Europe. Explain your reasons for or against conscription. Would these reasons change if you only had one son and he was already in the military? Explain.

C. You are a French Canadian and are against conscription. In a letter to Prime Minister Borden explain why you are against conscription and what you think Canada’s role in this conflict should be.

D. You are a soldier in 1917 and have seen combat. You hear that Prime Minster Borden is calling an election with conscription as a major part of his platform. In a letter home, tell your parents why they should vote for or against Conscription. Does your reasoning change if you have younger brothers not already serving? Explain.

E. You are a woman in 1917. Identify yourself as a sister/wife/nurse/other. How has the war changed your life? Is it better or worse? As a first time voter what are you thinking about? Explain why you are for or against conscription.