

'How to Win a War with the Weather Report' – Teaching Ideas

Learning Objective: To read for understanding.

Success Criteria:

- To read for comprehension and inference – find implicit and explicit meaning.
- To support responses with reference to the text where appropriate.
- To expand vocabulary through careful investigation of key terms and unusual word use.

This lesson pack includes all the elements for a differentiated reading comprehension for KS3 and 4. As in GCSE exams, the reading material is the same for all pupils. Where appropriate, the different levels of questions and vocabulary sheets can be given to students. Many of the extension tasks require further research or class discussion. If you do not wish to use these tasks as individual extension tasks, you may enjoy using them for class discussion points or starters for independent or group research and presentations.

Students might enjoy extra tasks such as creating a fact file around one of the events from the article. They might use the [Battles and Wars Won with Weather Fact File Sheet](#) to record responses or create their own.

Alternative tasks include: creative writing around the theme of getting caught in bad weather or being caught up in one of these historic events. Students could create their own 'Ideal Conditions for a Battle' list or project based around information collected from research.