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## INTRODUCTION

The Brain Teaser series provides ways to exercise and develop brain power! Each page stands alone and can be used as a quick and easy filler activity. The pages can be distributed to students as individual worksheets or made into transparencies for presentation to the entire class at once. The activities are especially useful in helping students develop the following:

- Logic and other critical thinking skills
- Creative thinking skills
- Research skills
- Spelling skills
- General vocabulary and knowledge

This book of *20th Century Brain Teasers* can be used in conjunction with *The 20th Century*, or answers can be found in any current encyclopedia or reference book like *Chronicle of the 20th Century* (DK, 1995). Some of the puzzles include a word bank for students who may need assistance completing the page. You may block out or fold under the word banks before duplicating to make the puzzles more difficult.

These materials can be used with history and society and environment curricula to introduce and reinforce knowledge. Current, accurate data has been used in this book as much as possible.

We hope you and your students will have great fun learning more about the people and events of the twentieth century.

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# SCRAMBLED NAMES

The names of twelve people from the 1900s have been split into two-letter segments. The letters of the segments are in order, but the segments are scrambled. When a letter appears on its own, it is the last letter of the name. Put the pieces together to identify the personality. *Clues are given in parentheses:*

1. LB IE LL ME NE A ME DA (Australian opera singer) \_\_\_\_\_
2. EL OS TH RE EO RO DO EV T (U.S. President) \_\_\_\_\_
3. HI ND GA ND AS HA MO (world leader—India) \_\_\_\_\_
4. IN EI BE AL RT NS TE (German scientist) \_\_\_\_\_
5. UN SI GM DF RE UD (Austrian psychologist) \_\_\_\_\_
6. MU BA ND RT ED ON (Australian Prime Minister) \_\_\_\_\_
7. AS BL PA OP IC SO (Spanish artist) \_\_\_\_\_
8. DK RU AR DY IP NG LI (British author) \_\_\_\_\_
9. TS OB ER TO MR (Australian painter) \_\_\_\_\_
10. UR RI MA EC IE (French scientist) \_\_\_\_\_
11. WI UR LB WR HT IG (American inventor) \_\_\_\_\_
12. LI RA LE NK MI SF N (Australian author) \_\_\_\_\_

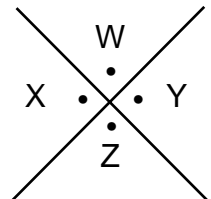
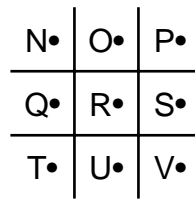
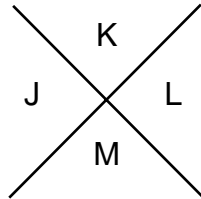
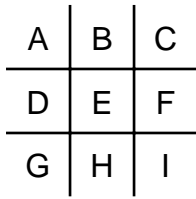
# THE GREAT WAR

Fill in the blanks to complete the words. When read from top to bottom, the word made by the underlined letters will have something to do with World War I. The first one has been done for you.

<p><b>1</b></p> <p>S H <u>A</u> P E  H O <u>L</u> L Y  D E <u>L</u> A Y  R A <u>I</u> L S  S E <u>E</u> D S  W A <u>S</u> T E</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>S ___ O P  L ___ N D  O ___ L Y  S ___ I P  U ___ E D</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>S L ___ E P  C O ___ E S  S T ___ A M  C O ___ B S  F L ___ E R</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>A ___ A I N  S ___ I L S  A ___ O N G  B ___ A C K  L ___ G H T  S ___ E E D  B ___ A T S  F ___ O W N  P ___ E C E</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>S T ___ N D  F A ___ M S  T O ___ B S  M A ___ B E</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>___ O R C E  ___ R D E R  ___ A N G E  ___ A R R Y  ___ V E R Y</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>P L E ___ S E  T H I ___ G S  C R A ___ E D  T E N ___ N T  R E A ___ T S  L E S ___ E R</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>T H A ___  A R E ___  S T A ___  B R A ___  H U G ___  R I O ___</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>D ___ R T Y  U ___ D E R  E ___ E R Y  T ___ S T E  E ___ G E S  S ___ V E N</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>M ___ R R Y  S ___ A R S  O ___ H E R  P ___ N T S  S ___ O P E  S ___ I P S</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>___ R I L L  ___ V E R Y  ___ I D G E  ___ O V E R Y  ___ N G R Y  ___ E V E R S  ___ O U R S</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>B U L ___  G A L ___  D O L ___  W A L ___  F L E ___  K I L ___  M I S ___</p>

# LABOUR REFORM

Use the diagrams to decode these changes in early labour practices.



Example: PICKET LINE

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3.

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10.

# TRIVIA

Find the names of famous people from the 1930s.

1. Who was the first woman elected to the Australian House of Representatives?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Who led the Chinese Communist Army on their 10,000-kilometre 'Long March'?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. This Aboriginal watercolourist was well known for his depictions of the Australian landscape.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Which notorious American bank robber was shot by police as he left a cinema?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Who was the first woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Which Australian billiards player was world champion from 1932 to 1950?

\_\_\_\_\_

7. This Soviet leader derived his name from the Russian word for steel.

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8. Which Irish-born social worker spent most of her life in Australia and wrote *The Passing of the Aborigines* in 1938?

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9. This Indian spiritual leader promoted non-violent resistance to oppression.

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10. Which writer, who won both the Pulitzer and Nobel Prizes, once worked as a maintenance man?

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11. Who was the only king of England ever to abdicate the throne?

\_\_\_\_\_

12. This mild-mannered superhero was first introduced in 1930s comic books.

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