



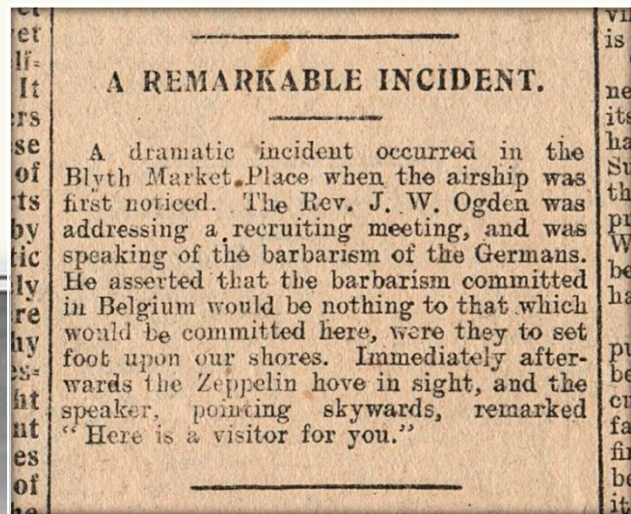
For Those in Peril on the Sea: Zeppelins Over the Tyne

Lesson Plan: Zeppelin Raids 14 April & 15 June 1915	
Teacher/s	Date
Subject History	Year
Learning Objectives Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources. Create structured accounts, including written narratives.	Success Criteria The children will understand the impact of the first Zeppelin raid over the North East.
Key Question What effect did the raid have on people in the North East?	
Starter Activity/Introduction Zeppelin L9 crossed the coast at Blyth to avoid anti-aircraft guns on ships protecting the Tyne. The story of the Zeppelin over the recruiting meeting made quite a stir. The illustration is from a popular magazine <i>The War Illustrated</i> and the article from the Sunderland Echo April 15 th 1915. Discuss the shock effect of this huge enemy airship overhead, apparently unstoppable and invulnerable.	Resources Zeppelins over Blyth activity sheet.
Main Activity The Zeppelin danger captured the public imagination with a flurry of stories, adverts and mocking cartoons. Local printers and photographers were quick to cash in with images like the bogus <i>Zeppelin over Blyth</i> postcard. On the second sheet, the children can make their own fakes using contemporary images of North Shields and Whitley Bay. They can draw German airships on blank sky areas or for a little more authenticity use the Zeppelin silhouettes provided.	Resources Make Your Own Zeppelin postcard worksheet. Zeppelin L9 Silhouettes.
Plenary Think of a short appropriate caption for the North Shields postcards, like <i>Terror in the Skies over Saville Street</i> . Compare captions and discuss how they can add to the 'shock factor' or impact of the postcards.	Resources Class captions.



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Zeppelin L9 flew over the North East on 14th April 1915. The airship was first sighted over Blyth around 8pm before flying on to Wallsend and Hebburn. L9 dropped 31 bombs but only two people were injured and little damage was done.



Imagine you were in the crowd at the recruiting meeting. Write an extract in your diary describing what you saw and felt.

14th April 1915....



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Now cut out and design your own sensational postcards of Whitley Bay and North Shields. Draw or cut out and paste on a menacing Zeppelin and write a short caption. There may be a war on but there's money to be made.





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