



Article: www.valourcanada.ca/military-history-library/ian-bazalgette-vc/
Documentary (7m:16): youtu.be/RmcueVspkFw
Virtual Lancaster Bomber: www.valourcanada.ca/vr/Lancaster/

Using the resources provided above and your critical thinking skills, please answer the following:

Grades 4 to 6

1. Over one million Canadians served as sailors, soldiers, airmen, or medical personnel during the Second World War. Sixteen of them were awarded a Victoria Cross for their actions during the war. What do you think these people may have done to deserve the award?
2. Study the photograph of the Lancaster Bomber. Pick a country and design your own bomber plane. What colour would it be and why?
3. List five questions that you would like to ask Bazalgette about his experiences as a pilot during the Second World War.

Grade 7 to 9

4. Choose two of the five questions you created in your answer to Q #3 and create step-by-step research plan that will help you find, or get much closer to, the answers you are looking for.
5. Imagine you are Bazalgette or a member of his flight crew. Describe your experiences in the sky, what dangers you encounter, and your thoughts on the advantages and disadvantages of aircraft use during the Second World War.
6. Now imagine you are a soldier manning the German AA (anti-aircraft) guns, shooting down Allied aircraft. Describe your experiences on the ground – what are your motives? How do you feel towards the Allied air campaign? Why?

Grade 10 to 12

7. Research and describe the origins of the Victoria Cross. 73 Canadians were awarded a Victoria Cross (VC) for their actions during the First World War (620,000 served), 16 Canadians received a VC for their efforts during the Second World War (SWW) when 1,100,000 served. Why do you think that so many more Canadians received VCs during the First World War in contrast to the SWW? Explain your reasoning.

8. Using your own thoughts and making sure to explain your reasoning, please answer the following questions. If Canada was only able to fight the Second World War using the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF):
 - What would some of the advantages and disadvantages be of this approach?
 - Would Canada, as part of the North American continent, be secure from enemy attacks?
 - Would Canada be looked upon differently by both its allies and its enemies?
 - Do you think the Canadian public would have supported or opposed this approach?