

CONSCRIPTION ORGANIZER		
FOCUS QUESTION: Was Borden's conscription policy of 1917 justified?		
CRITERIA	ALTERNATIVES	
	Yes – It was justified	No – It was not justified
Political [4]	a) PM Borden promised the Allies to keep four divisions in the field. (2) b) By seeing this war through to victory Canada will earn international respect; failure to do so will earn Canada international scorn. (3) [4x5 = 20]	a) French Canadians felt no obligation to Britain, who conquered them in 1759; and none to France who abandoned them to Britain after 1759. (2) b) The Borden government bungled recruiting procedures in Quebec. (3) c) Conscription will destroy national unity. (2) [4x7 = 28]
Military [5]	c) As 1917 wore on, Canadian casualties far outnumbered new enlistments. (3) d) Without replacements, troops already in the trenches will be in even more danger. (3) e) Continuing support of the Allies in this war may guarantee the willingness of these countries to help Canada in the future. (2) [5x8 = 40]	d) Germany has no quarrel with Canada. The USA would defend Canada if Germany ever did attack. (1) e) The losses are unfortunate, but those who volunteered knew the risks they were taking. (1) f) Enough blood has already been shed. Bring the troops home if necessary. (2) [5x4 = 20]
Economic [1]	f) If Britain loses the war, Canada will suffer from the loss of her largest trading partner. The German navy could then blockade Canadian ports and control ocean shipping. (2) [1x2 = 2]	g) This war has cost the government of Canada \$1million per day. The money could be better spent on peaceful projects. (2) [1x2 = 2]
Social [3]	g) Conscription will force French Canadians to do their fair share in supporting the war effort. (2)	h) French Canadians are already a minority. Further losses would jeopardize their chances for cultural survival in Canada. They do not wish to throw away future generations to support a British war. (3) i) French Canadians suffered language discrimination in the military. (2) [3x5 = 15]
Intellectual [2]	h) Loyalty and duty: Canada has a moral and legal duty to help Britain win this war. (1) i) Britain helped defend Canada against US invasions in 1776 and 1812. (3) [2x4 = 8]	j) Nationalism: Canada's first obligation is to herself. This is not Canada's war. (2) k) Canada has already done more than a nation her size should be expected to do. (3) [2x5 = 10]