The Newfoundland Regiment and the Battle of Beaumount-Hamel

Fact Quest - Question Sheet

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1) What date is known as Memorial Day in Newfoundland and Labrador?

2) Approximately how many Newfoundlanders joined up to serve during the First World War?

3) Why would the men of the Newfoundland Regiment become known as the "Blue Puttees"?

4) Where did the Newfoundland Regiment see action prior to being sent to the Western Front?

5) What region of the Western Front was chosen for a joint French and British assault? What was the name of the village close to where the Newfoundland Regiment would enter the action?

6) True or False: The British and French troops attacked the Germans by surprise at night to open the Battle of the Somme? Justify your answer.

7) Why did the Newfoundland Regiment begin their attack from the St. John's Road support trench, located behind their own front line?

8) What obstacles did the Newfoundland Regiment have to overcome before reaching the enemy trenches?

9) About halfway in No Man's Land, between allied and Germans trenches, there was a gnarled tree. Find reasons why the Newfoundlanders nicknamed it the "danger tree"?

10) Out of about 800 Newfoundlanders who took part in the attack on July 1, 1916, how many were able to answer the roll call the next day? How many were casualties (dead, wounded, missing)?