Canadian Corps and the Battle of the Somme

Fact Quest - Question Sheet

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

1) When and where was the Battle of the Somme fought?

2) Why did the Allies call the Battle of the Somme "the big push"? How much ground would the campaign end up gaining?

3) How many British Commonwealth troops became casualties on the disastrous opening day of the Battle of the Somme?

4) Near what French village did the Canadians take part in their first major attack during the Battle of the Somme? What was the date of this action?

5) What was the name of the tough German defensive position that the Canadians captured by 8:00 am that morning?

6) What was a creeping barrage? What were its risks to the attacking soldiers?

7) What new weapon of war was used for the first time in the fighting at Courcelette? What was its impact?

8) What were the two main objectives that Canadian soldiers captured in the closing month of the Battle of the Somme?

9) How many Canadians became casualties during the Battle of the Somme?

10) What was a positive consequence of the hard-won experience that Canadian soldiers had gained in the Battle of the Somme?