

Task for *Reg Saunders: an Indigenous War Hero*

Structure and language features of an historical recount

The purpose of an historical recount is to reconstruct events and incidents from the past in the time order in which they happened.

Structure	Example	Language features
Orientation	The First World War began on 28th June, 1914 when the Archduke of Austria-Hungary was assassinated in the Serbian town of Sarajevo.	Past tense Conjunctions, circumstances and clauses expressing time Doing processes e.g. 'was assassinated'; 'mobilised'
Events and incidents in chronological order	On 28th July, 1914 Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia in retaliation for the assassination. After this the great powers of Europe supported one side or the other in this conflict because of alliances that they had formed earlier. Immediately they mobilised their armies to go to war.	
Personal comments (optional)	It is amazing to think now that such a terrible war could begin in such a seemingly low-key way.	