

Tolkien, war and fellowship worksheet **B1+**

You are going to watch the trailer for a biopic about the Lord of the Rings author JRR Tolkien (1892-1973). The film focuses on his teenage and young adult years. You will see younger and older versions of Tolkien and his three close friends Robert Gilson, Christopher Wiseman and Geoffrey Smith, as well as Edith Bratt, whom he loved.

- Watch the first part of this document about Tolkien and identify what it could be about. What do you know about Tolkien and his work?
 - Watch the first scene and check your hypotheses. What do we learn about Tolkien?
 - Watch the whole document and find out what cinematographic devices are used to represent WWI and to insist on its importance in Tolkien's life.
 - Group 1: Focus on the relation between Tolkien and Edith. Pick out the elements in the document that show the intensity of their love for each other.
- Group 2:** Focus on the story of friendship. Find the devices that are used to insist on the special bonds between Tolkien and his school friends. What are the links between his school life and the war?
- Explain how Tolkien proceeded to make his experience of friendship last forever?

