

If only they could talk

Suitable for students aged 7-14.

Waterloo teeth were dentures made from the teeth of real people – usually young soldiers killed in battles like The Battle of Waterloo – hence the name. Read the Waterloo teeth notes to find out more.

But what if they could talk?

Give students a picture of the Waterloo teeth ageofrevolution.org/200-object/waterloo-teeth-1815-2/ and ask them to write speech bubbles, from the point of view of the teeth. What might they say about:

- The soldier the original teeth belonged to
- The wealthy man or woman who wore them as dentures
- An aspect of the 1800s such as how people travelled or how bad conditions were for people working in factories
- The everyday lives of the students in the class – compared to life in the 1800s?

What questions might the teeth ask the students?

Try making the dentures talk by importing the image into a simple animation app like *Talkr*.