Conscription Crisis during World War II

**Answer the questions below. Once you’re done, save the file in OneDrive and upload or copy and paste into your class notebook in *OneNote*.**

1. Why did Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King promise there would be no conscription at the start of World War II?
2. What is the National Resources Mobilization Act? When and why was it introduced?
3. What is a “zombie”? Why was this term used?
4. What is a plebiscite? What question did the plebiscite of 1944 ask Canadians?
5. Why did King decide to hold of plebiscite?
6. Compare the results of the election of 1917 and the plebiscite of 1944 in the table below.

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|  | 1917 Election | 1944 Plebiscite |
| **% of pro-conscription vote** |  |  |
| **% of anti-conscription vote** |  |  |

1. Who was in favour of conscription in both 1917 and 1944?
2. Who was opposed to conscription in both 1917 and 1944?
3. What percentage of voters in Quebec voted against conscription?
4. Complete the following table.

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|  | World War I | World War II |
| **Number of Canadians conscripted** |  |  |
| **Number of conscripted Canadians deployed overseas** |  |  |
| **Number of conscripted Canadians who died overseas** |  |  |

1. In your opinion, how did King handle the conscription crisis?