



World War One Topic Knowledge Organiser

Year 5

Key Vocabulary

Alliance
Western Front
Treaty
Artillery
Armistice
Shell Shock
Rations
Trench Foot
Propaganda
Neutral
Nationalism
Militarism
Stalemate
Draft
Conscription
League of Nations

World War I began in 1914, after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and lasted until 1918. During the conflict, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire fought against Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Romania, Japan and the United States. Due to new military technologies and the horrors of trench warfare, World War I saw unprecedented levels of carnage and destruction. By the time the war was over, more than 16 million people (soldiers and civilians) were dead.

Causes

The assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand was the direct act that resulted in the outbreak of World War One. Preceding to this, tension was rising across the world and countries were competing with each other for the most powerful military forces.

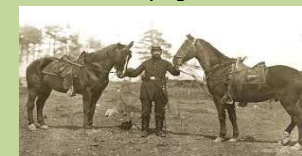
Technological Advances

Many technological advances were made during World War One- mainly weapons. Both competing sides were producing new weapons and artillery at an outstanding rate.



Animals

Many different animals were used during the conflict. These included: dogs, horses, elephants and pigeons.



Winston Churchill

Before becoming Prime Minister in 1940, Winston Churchill served in France as a Lieutenant Commander of the 6th Royal Scots Fusiliers.



Trench Warfare

Most of World War One's most deadly battles were fought in the trenches. Both sides dug themselves into the ground trying to protect themselves from incoming shells.

Local Study

War memorials are located in many towns and villages across the U.K. Remembering the fallen soldiers.



Alliances

Countries across the world joined with each other to form alliances. The two main competing alliances were The Triple Entente and The Triple Alliance.