



KEY KNOWLEDGE

World War I, also known as the Great War, began in 1914 and lasted until 1918. Thanks 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 and the Allied Powers claimed victory, more than 16 million people—soldiers and civilians alike—were



FURTHER READING

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/first-world-war/>

<https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/world-war-one/the-home>

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LIKE AN EXPERT.



KEY CONCEPTS

Trench warfare - Trench warfare is a type of fighting where both sides build deep trenches as a defense against the enemy.

Western Front - A 400-plus mile stretch of land weaving through France and Belgium from the Swiss border to the North Sea, was the decisive front during the First World War.

Alliance - A union formed between countries

War of attrition - A war in which forces aim to wear each other down over a period of time

Allied Powers - Alliance between Russia, France and Britain

History

What caused World War One and what was it like?

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TIMELINE

28 th June 1914	Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
4 th August 1914	Great Britain declares war on Germany
15 th October 1914	First Battle of Ypres
22 nd April 1915	German gas attack at Ypres
31 st May 1915	First Zeppelin raid on London
2 nd February 1916	Britain introduces conscription
1 st July 1916	Battle of the Somme begins
19 th January 1917	United States declares war on Germany
12 th October 1917	Third Battle of Ypres (Passchendaele)
21 st March 1917	Germany launches the Spring Offensive
9 th November 1917	Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany abdicates
11 th November 1918	Armistice
28 th June 1919	Treaty of Versailles signed



KEY WORDS

The BEF	British Expeditionary Force
Conscription	Compulsory enrolment into the Armed Forces
Propaganda	Media used to encourage people to support the war
Trenches	6 foot holes that were dug as a defensive feature.
Trench foot	Medical condition caused by feet being exposed to long periods in cold, damp and unsanitary conditions
Trench fever	A disease carried by lice in the trenches
Artillery	Large-calibre guns used on land in warfare
Conscientious Objectors	Men who refused to fight in the war due to their moral conscience
Armistice	A formal agreement to end fighting
Treaty	A formal agreement usually made following a war

