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## World War I : Overview

World War I involved more countries and caused greater destruction than any other war up to its time. The war, sometimes called the Great War, took the lives of about 9 million soldiers and more than 6 million civilians. Let's learn about World War I and see why the war was so devastating.

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### Find It!

Find the answers to the questions below by using the "Search" tool to search key words.

Since this activity is about World War I, you can start by searching the key words "World War I."

Write the answers on the lines provided or below the question.

1. The assassination of \_\_\_\_\_ on June 28, 1914, sparked the outbreak of World War I.
2. What 3 countries fought for the Central Powers in 1914? (Hint: see the "World War I: the warring nations" table for help.)
3. Which battle, beginning on September 6, 1914, ended Germany's hopes to defeat France quickly?
4. In which 1915 battle did the Germans release poison gas against Allied troops?
5. In 1915, Germany began bombing London and other British cities from airships called \_\_\_\_\_.



\*Users of the *Advanced* database can find extension activities at the end of this webquest.

6. In 1917, who led a Communist uprising that gained control of Russia's government?
7. On which date did the U.S. Congress declare war on Germany?
8. On which date did World War I end?
9. The Treaty of \_\_\_\_\_ officially ended military action against Germany.

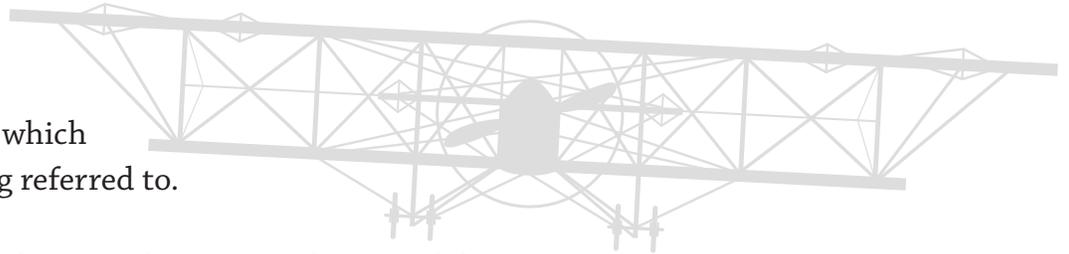
## True or False

Write "True" if the statement about World War I is correct. If the statement is not correct, write "False" and correct the statement in the space below.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Austria-Hungary, Germany, and Italy formed the Triple Entente.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. In August 1914, Germany attacked France from the north, through neutral Belgium.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Tanks were first used in the Battle of the Somme by the Germans.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. British Prime Minister David Lloyd George outlined his peace goals in the "Fourteen Points."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. As a result of World War I, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland all became independent countries.
15. What was the *Lusitania*?
16. How did Anthony Fokker's creation of the *Eidecker* change the war?
17. Name three reasons why life in the trenches was miserable.
18. What four long-standing monarchies toppled as a result of World War I?
19. Who were the "Big Four" heads of government who made the key decisions at the Paris Peace Conference?

## Name the Person

In the line provided, write which person (or persons) is being referred to.



20. Two commanders who became the German heroes of the Eastern Front.  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
21. French general who organized the defense of Verdun. \_\_\_\_\_
22. Admiral who commanded the British fleet at the Battle of Jutland. \_\_\_\_\_
23. Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces. \_\_\_\_\_
24. Russian czar who was forced from the throne in 1917. \_\_\_\_\_
25. Anzac Day, a patriotic holiday in Australia and New Zealand, was first observed in 1916 to commemorate the anniversary of what event? (Hint: For this question see the “Anzac Day” article.)
26. Who was T. E. Lawrence, and what made him world famous? (Hint: For this question see the “T. E. Lawrence” article.)
27. Who was Baron Manfred von Richthofen, and what happened to him on April 21, 1918? (Hint: For this question see the “Baron Manfred von Richthofen” article.)
28. What activities occurred during the Christmas Truce, and how did the commanders feel about these activities? (Hint: For this question see the “Christmas Truce” article.)
29. What was the Zimmermann telegram, and how did it impact the United States? (Hint: For this question see the “Zimmermann telegram” article.)

30. What was the Armenian Genocide, and why did the Ottoman government deport the Armenians? (Hint: For this question see the “Armenian Genocide” article.)

31. What was the Spanish flu, and how did it impact World War 1? (Hint: For this question see the “Spanish flu” article.)

## Map It!

Within the “World War I” article, you will find the map “Gallipoli campaign.” Study the map and answer the following questions.

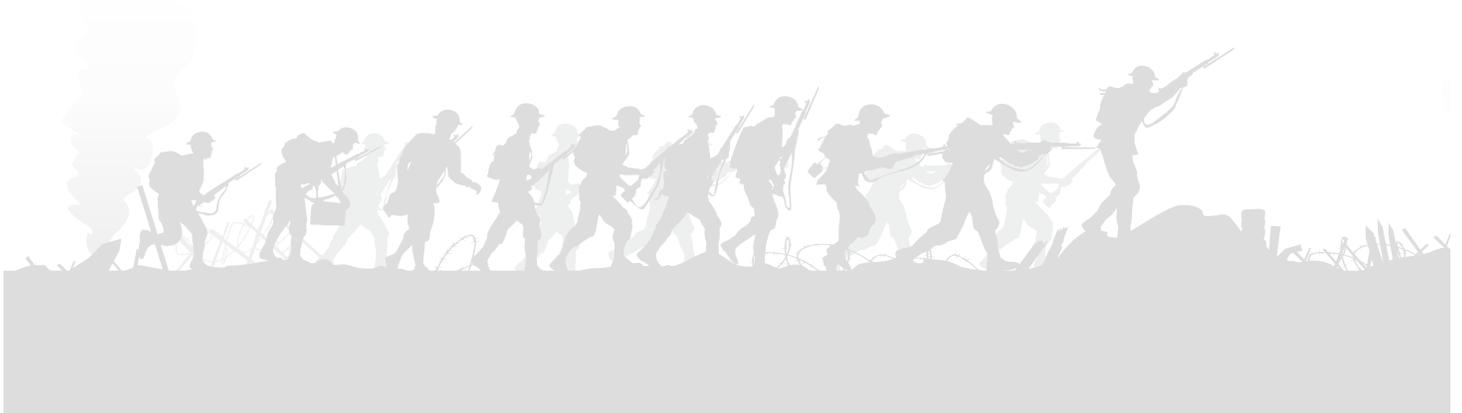
32. On what date did ANZAC forces invade the Gallipoli Peninsula?

33. On August 6, 1915, a British landing took place at which bay?

34. The Gallipoli campaign took place in which country?

## See It!

35. Examine one of many photographs in the “Images, Video, and Audio” tab of the World War 1 article. Study the picture, including the actions and mood conveyed in the image. Explain what is happening in the photo and at least three details that convey information about this moment in World War 1.



## Timeline

Imagine that you are a war correspondent who wrote about all of the following events. Put the events in the order in which you wrote about them.

\_\_\_\_\_ Allied troops invaded the Gallipoli Peninsula

\_\_\_\_\_ Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated

\_\_\_\_\_ Battle of Jutland was fought

\_\_\_\_\_ Battle of the Somme began

\_\_\_\_\_ Battle of Verdun began

\_\_\_\_\_ First Battle of the Marne was fought

\_\_\_\_\_ German submarine sank the liner *Lusitania*

\_\_\_\_\_ Germany invaded Belgium

\_\_\_\_\_ Germany signed an armistice ending the war

\_\_\_\_\_ Russia signed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk

\_\_\_\_\_ United States declared war on Germany



## Extension Activity 1

Write a 1-2 page paper theorizing how history would have been different if Germany and the Central Powers had won World War I. Topics to consider, but are not limited to, include:

- What surrender terms would Germany and the Central Powers demanded of the Allies?
- What would the map of Europe have looked like?
- Would communism have taken hold of Russia/the Soviet Union?
- Would the Ottoman Empire still exist?
- How would the Middle East be different?
- Would Adolf Hitler have later become the leader of Germany?
- Would World War II have been fought?

## Extension Activity 2

Write a 1-2 page letter from the perspective of a German citizen who lived through World War I. Tell a friend (a student of the future!) how the war impacted you. Topics to consider, but are not limited to, include:

- What were your thoughts when the war began?
- Did you think the war was necessary?
- Did you expect Germany to win the war?
- What were your feelings as you saw the growing casualty lists?
- How did you feel when the United States entered the war?
- How did you feel when Russia surrendered to the Central Powers?
- How did you feel when Germany surrendered?
- Did you feel that the Versailles Treaty was fair or unfair to Germany?

## Extension Activity 3

Near the end of World War I, Woodrow Wilson proposed his “Fourteen Points” as the basis for ending the war and for keeping the peace. (Search the term “Fourteen Points” in the “Primary Sources” section of World Book’s Advanced homepage to obtain a list of Wilson’s “Fourteen Points.”)

Create your own 10 points to encourage world peace and prevent future wars. Give reasons to justify each of your 10 points.

