



Topic: Into the Trenches	Subject(s): History	Year: 6
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What we will learn about:

- The location of the Triple Alliance and Triple Entente countries
- The causes of the Great War
- Famous battles and key events of World War I (e.g. the Christmas Truce in 1914)
- Day-to-day life in the trenches
- Trench warfare and technological advancements (e.g. airplanes and battleships)
- The reasons why the Great War came to an end
- The Treaty of Versailles

What should I already know?

- The countries of Europe
- The many countries, as we know them today, that were created following previous conflicts
- That technology used in conflict has developed over time

The Alliance System

Many countries had made alliances with one other so they agreed to protect each other. If one was attacked, the others would defend them. The war was fought between:

- The Triple Alliance: Germany, Austria-Hungary and their allies.
- The Triple Entente: Great Britain, France and Russia.

Vocabulary

Alliance	when countries join forces or work together to achieve a certain goal
Armistice	a formal agreement of warring parties to stop fighting
Conscription	the requirement by law to join the armed forces
Front Line	the area where the armies are engaged in fighting
The Great War	the name used for World War One at the time
No Man's Land	the area of land between two enemy trench systems
Treaty	a written agreement between two or more countries
Trench	long ditches dug into the ground where soldiers lived

Key Dates

- June 1914: Assassination of Franz Ferdinand
- August 1914: Germany invades Belgium. Britain declares war on Germany
- August 1914: Battle of Mons
- October 1914: Battle of Ypres
- December 1914: Christmas truce
- April 1915: Gas attack on Ypres
- April 1915: Allied landings at Gallipoli
- February 1916: Britain introduces conscription
- July 1916: Battle of the Somme begins
- July 1917: The United States declares war on Germany
- March 1918: Start of German Spring Offensive
- November 1918: Armistice
- June 1919: Treaty of Versailles signed

