



What we will learn about:

- The Triple Alliance comprised of Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy and the Triple Entente countries were Russia, France and Great Britain.
- The causes of the Great War were: militarism, alliances, imperialism, nationalism (M.A.I.N.)
- Trenches were dug out of the land to protect the soldiers. Soldiers would sleep and rest in the trenches as well as eat their meals. The trenches were very dirty and wet. They were often filled with rats!
- Rationing: Food soon began to run out as people were panic buying. Gardens and other areas of land were turned into allotments so food could be grown and animals could be kept. Sugar, meat, butter and cheese were all rationed. Ration books were issued and everyone had to register with a butchers and grocers.
- The war ended when Italy joined the Triple alliance in April 1915. After the USA also joined the Triple Entente in April 1917, Germany began to realise that they couldn't win the war. Austria-Hungary signed an armistice on 3rd November 1918 leaving Germany on their own. An armistice was signed by Britain, France and Germany on 11th November 1918 putting an end to all fighting.

What should I already know?

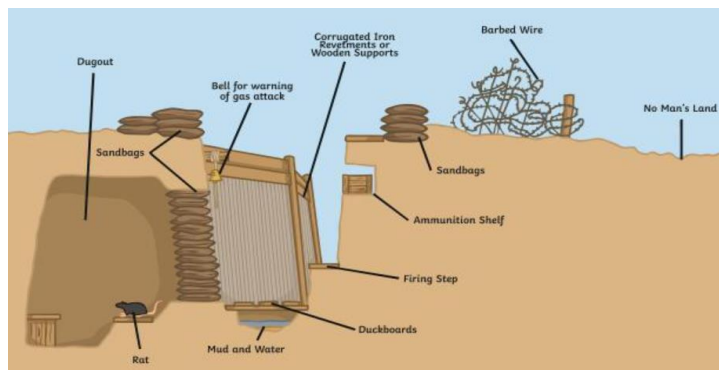
- The countries of Europe
- The many countries, as we know them today, that were created following previous conflicts
- That technology used in conflict has developed over time

July 28th 1914 - November 11th 1918

The Triple Entente/The Allies		The Triple Alliance /The Central Powers	
	United Kingdom		Germany
	France		Italy
	Russia		Austria-Hungary
	The USA was a major trading partner with Britain. In April 1917, the USA declared war against Germany for attacking their trading ships around Britain.		

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
Aug 1914	Germany invades Belgium. Britain declares war on Germany
Dec 1914	Christmas Truce
Feb 1916	Britain introduces conscription
July 1917	US declare war on Germany
March 1918	Start of German Spring Offensive
Nov 1918	Armistice
June 1919	Treaty of Versailles signed



