

## Vocabulary

Blockade	Blocking the ports of a country with ships to stop them getting supplies.
Bolsheviks	A group of communists who overthrew the Russian monarchy in 1918.
Mobilisation	When a country prepares for war.
Schlieffen Plan	A German strategy to quickly invade France then attack Russia.
Trench Warfare	Form of fighting where two sides dig trenches opposite each other.
Propaganda	Information designed to persuade people of something, often biased or untrue.
Rationing	Limiting the amount of food or other goods people receive.
Western Front	The long line of trenches stretching from the English channel to Switzerland.
Reparations	Money to be paid by the losers after a war.

## The Two Sides

The Allied Powers/ Triple Entente	France, The United Kingdom, Russia (1914-1917), Italy (1915-1918), The USA (1917-1918), + many others
The Central Powers/ Triple Alliance	Germany, Austria-Hungary, The Ottoman Empire, Bulgaria, + others

## Important People

David Lloyd George	Prime Minister of Great Britain
Kaiser Wilhelm II	Emperor of Germany
Archduke Franz Ferdinand	Prince of Austria-Hungary
Georges Clémenceau	Prime Minister of France
Woodrow Wilson	President of the USA
Vladimir Lenin	Bolshevik leader and Head of Soviet Government
Franz Joseph I	Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary
Adolf Hitler	Austria soldier who fought on the Western Front.

## Timeline of Events

1871	After defeating France in the Franco-Prussian war, Germany unites into a great empire.
1908	Austria-Hungary annexes Bosnia, upsetting Serbia.
28 June 1914	The prince of Austria-Hungary, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, is assassinated by a Serbian Terrorist.
28 July 1914	Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia.
30 July 1914	Russia, an ally of Serbia mobilises its army.
1 Aug 1914	Germany, an ally of Austria-Hungary, declares war on Russia.
3 Aug 1914	Germany declares war on France and invades Belgium.
4 Aug 1914	Great Britain declares war on Germany.
Sept 1914	Fighting on the Western Front begins.
7 May 1915	A German submarine sinks the Lusitania.
Sept 1915	Britain uses tanks for the first time in battle.
1 July - 8 Nov 1916	The Battle of the Somme.
6 Apr 1917	US declares war against Germany and enters WW I fighting alongside Britain and France.
4 Mar 1918	Russia signs a peace treaty with Germany after the Bolshevik revolution.
Mar-Nov 1918	A series of American led offensives drive the Germans back.
9 Nov 1918	Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicates. Two days later Germany surrenders and an armistice is signed.
28 June 1919	The victors sign the Treaty of Versailles, making Germany accept full responsibility for the war and pay billions of pounds in reparations.