

History - World War I

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



Remembrance day

Every year on 11 November, people in the UK stop for a short moment of reflection. Poppies, which grew on the barren fields of World War One, are used to remember soldiers who died.



Archduke Franz Ferdinand

The assassination of Franz Ferdinand (Archduke of Austria) sparked the outbreak of World War One.

The Alliance system

Many countries had made alliances with one other. 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.

Trench Warfare

Many battles were fought using trench warfare.

Long ditches were dug in the ground. Soldiers lived in the trenches and sometimes climbed out to attack.

A famous example of trench war was the Battle of the Somme which started in July 1916.

You should already know:

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



