

Map of Europe during World War 1

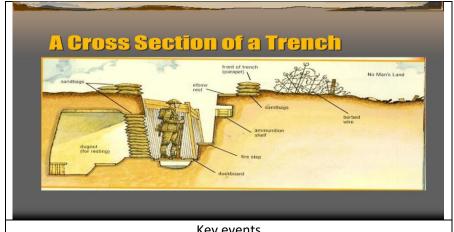
The two competing sides in WW1 were known as the Triple Entente, which consisted of France, Great Britain and Russia. The second alliance was known as the Central Powers, which consisted of Austria-Hungary and Germany



Important events: Battle of the Somme. Battle of Verdun. Women's liberation. Franz Ferdinand assassination. Armistice

Why did war begin?

The archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated causing a chain reaction of Europe's major powers declaring war on each other to honour promises they had made to stand alongside each other in the face of war.



key events	
Franz Ferdinand	The archduke of Austria-Hungary was
assassinated 28 th June 1914	killed by a Serbian terrorist leading to
	Austria-Hungary declaring war on Serbia
Other nations begin to join	Germany, Russia, France and Britain join
the war August 1914	the war honouring alliances with each
	other.
Trench warfare September	The German army are stopped near
1914 and onwards	Paris by Britain and France. Both sides
	dig in and only small gains and losses are
	made for the rest of the war.
America joins the war April	America joins Britain and France in
1917	declaring war on Germany providing
	much needed financial and military
	support.
Fighting comes to an end	Armistice is agreed which sees Germany
11 th November 1918	accept defeat. The guns stop firing at
	11am.