



Knowledge Organiser: World War 1 – How was Britain changed by World War I?

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

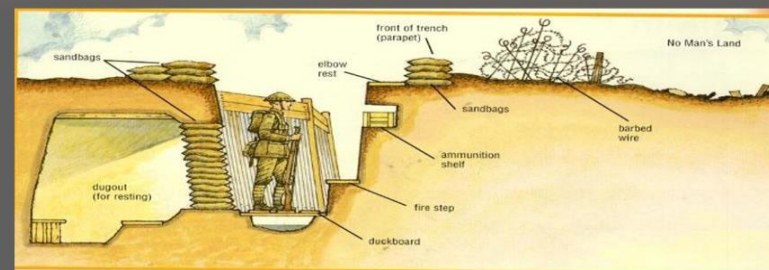


Important events: Battle of the Somme. Battle of Verdun. Women's liberation. Franz Ferdinand assassination. Armistice

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.

A Cross Section of a Trench



Key events

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