First World War

Summary

Key Figures

Otto Von

Bismarck

Ferdinand

Douglas Haig

July 1914 Austria de-

clared war on Serbia

George V

Archduke Franz

War broke out in Europe in 1914 after a member of the Serbian Black Hand assassinated the Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand. Because of the alliance systems in Europe at the time, the war was fought between the Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria & Italy) and the Triple Alliance (Britain, France, Russia). Germany planned to win the war quickly by avoiding a war on two fronts with the Schlieffen Plan. However, when this plan failed, a stalema formed across the Western Front with neither side able to gain land. This trench warfare was known for its unsanitary and dangerous conditions. A the war took place across land and sea, both sides developed new and in proved weapons, leading to new injuries and thus developments in medi cine. This was a total war, meaning civilians were also mobilised in the w

Unified Germany in 1871 and was its first chancellor

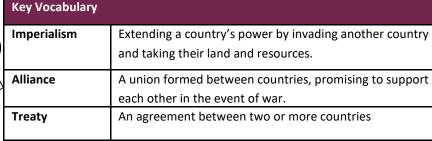
Heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne. Assassinated by

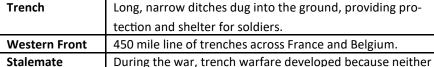
the Serbian Black Hand in June 1914. His death sparked

achieving German supremacy by expanding its empire.

Responsible for the plan of the Battle of the Somme.

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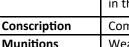




side were able to gain land themselves, or force the enemy to retreat. Civilians at home helped in the war effort by making weap-



Home Front ons, rationing and keeping morale high.



Recruitment

The process of encouraging men to join the army and fight in the war.



Compulsory enrolment (forcing men) to join the army. Munitions Weapons, ammunition and other military equipment. Information, often biased or misleading, designed to per-**Propaganda**

suade people to support the war. **DORA** Defence of the Realm Act, allowing the government to take

over industries (e.g. railways).

Challenge— Do you think everyone in Britain experienced the

First World War in the same way?

Which event do you think was the main cause of the First World War?

April 1917 USA joins the war

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Other Resources

May 1916 Battle of Jutland

https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/first-world-war

Nov 1918 Germany signs

armistice. War ends

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June 1914 Assas-August 1914 Germany January 1915 sination of Archdeclared war on Russia Germany launch-**April 1915** duke Franz Fer-& France. Britain dees Zeppelin raids Gallipoli dinand clared war on Germany on Britain

7th August

1914 DORA

King of England during the war.

Kaiser Wilhelm II | Emperor of Germany during the war and believed in

until 1890.

the war.

TIMELINE February 1915 Start of

German unrestricted

warfare

May 1915 Sinking of the Lusitania

July 1916 Battle of the Somme July 1917 Battle Passchendaele

June 1919 Germany signed Treaty of Versailles