

World War I – Knowledge Organiser

Key Knowledge

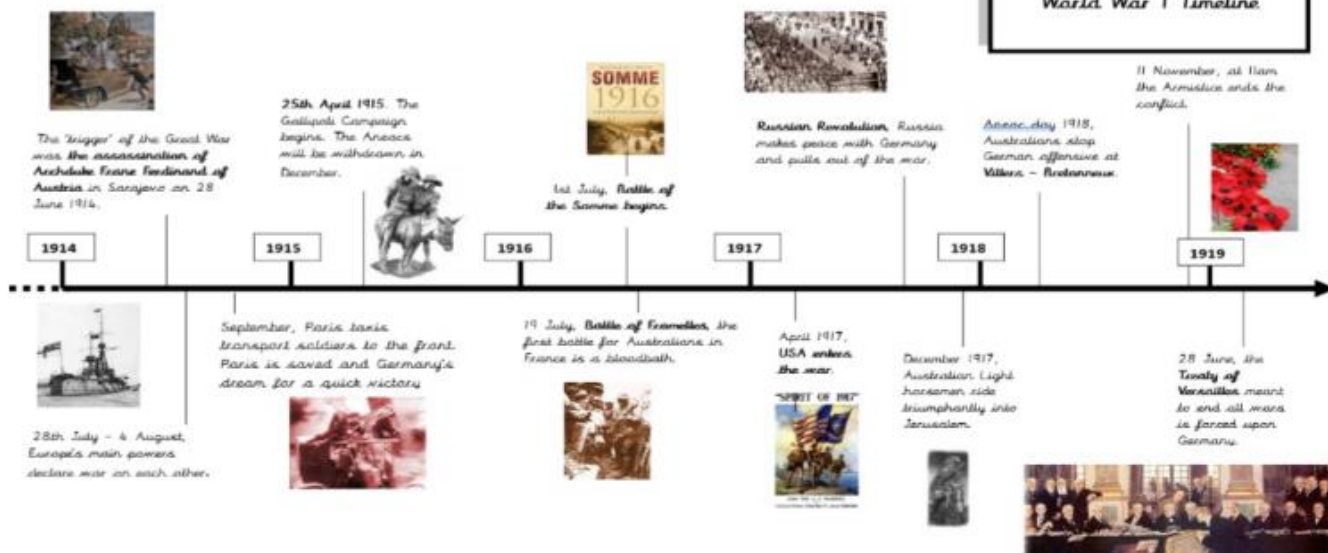
What?	World War I was a global war also known as the Great War. It one of the largest wars in history. It is also one of the deadliest conflicts in history, with an estimated 9 million combatant deaths and 13 million civilian deaths as a direct result of the war.
When?	World War I began on July 28, 1914. The conflict lasted four years, three months and 14 days, ending on November 11, 1918.
Who?	There were two sides in the war. The Triple Ententes (also known as The Allies) were Britain, France, Ireland and Russia. The Central Powers were Germany and Austria-Hungary.
Where?	The Western Front was where most of the fighting between Germany and the Allies happened. This stretched from the Belgian coast to Switzerland. The Eastern Front was fought in Central and Eastern Europe.
Why?	The war began because of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria. He was heir to throne of Austria-Hungary and his death was the immediate cause of WWI.



Key Vocabulary

trenches	Long tunnels dug into ground to protect soldiers from attack.
alliances	Groups of countries that promise to protect and support each other.
Central Powers	Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Ottoman Empire.
munitions	Military weapons, ammunition, equipment and stores.
armistice	An agreement made by both sides in a war to stop fighting for a certain time.
imperialism	A desire to conquer other countries through colonization, use of military force or other means.
militarism	The belief that is important to have strong armed forces and that they should be used to gain land and
nationalism	The belief that a person's home country is better and stronger than others.

World War I Timeline



Europe in 1914

