

Social Studies

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# WORLD WAR I - WEBQUEST

**Directions:** Complete the following questions using the website listed below.

<http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-i/world-war-i-history>



**Answer questions #1-2 by watching the video that plays at the top of the website.**

1. According to the video, what different things first appeared in World War I?
2. According to the video, World War I saw the first US Presidential trip to Europe. Which American President made this trip AND for what reason?

**Answer the remainder of the questions using the rest of the website.**

3. What event was the spark that ignited World War I?
4. Briefly explain the tensions that were occurring in Europe before the outbreak of World War I.

5. In what city was Franz Ferdinand assassinated?
6. Who assassinated Franz Ferdinand?
7. Describe the "chain of events" that occurred following the death of Franz Ferdinand.
8. Explain what is meant by the term "blank check" in the build up to the outbreak of World War I.
9. What was the Schlieffen Plan?
10. What country did Germany invade first?
11. When did the First Battle of the Marne occur?
12. Briefly describe the events of the First Battle of the Marne.

13. How close did the German offensive come to Paris before being fought back during the First Battle of the Marne?

14. What was the outcome of the First Battle of the Marne?

15. According to the website, what type of warfare characterized the war on the Western Front?

16. Which countries were primarily involved in fighting on the Eastern Front?

17. Combined with the fierce Allied resistance in France, the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ensured a longer, more  
grueling conflict instead of the quick victory Germany had hoped to win with the Schlieffen Plan.

18. Russian forces were unable to break through German lines on the Eastern Front and Russian forces suffered many losses. What did this lead to in Russian society?

19. What effect did the Russian Revolution have on World War I?

20. Who led the Russian Revolution?

21. On what side did the Ottoman Empire fight for during World War I?
22. Why did the Allies attempt to score a victory against the Ottoman Empire?
23. Briefly describe the Gallipoli Campaign and the overall outcome.
24. According to the website, which European nation had the most dominant navy during World War I?
25. What naval strategy did Germany find most successful?
26. The biggest naval engagement of World War I, \_\_\_\_\_ (May 1916) left British naval superiority on the North Sea intact, and Germany would make no further attempts to break the Allied naval blockade for the remainder of the war.
27. What ultimately caused the United States to enter the war against Germany?
28. Widespread protest over the sinking by U-boat of the British ocean liner \_\_\_\_\_ in May 1915 helped turn the tide of American public opinion steadfastly against Germany, and in February 1917 \_\_\_\_\_ intended to make the United States ready for war. Germany \_\_\_\_\_ the following month and on April 2 President \_\_\_\_\_ appeared before Congress and called for a declaration of war against Germany.

29. Explain the significance of the Second Battle of the Marne.

30. Explain the ultimate failure of the Central Powers.

31. When did World War I finally end?

32. World War I took the life of more than \_\_\_\_\_ soldiers; \_\_\_\_\_ more were wounded. Civilian casualties caused indirectly by the war numbered close to \_\_\_\_\_. The two nations most affected were \_\_\_\_\_, each of which sent some 80 percent of their male populations between the ages of 15 and 49 into battle. The war also marked the fall of four imperial dynasties—\_\_\_\_\_.

33. What treaty was signed at the end of World War I with the goal of preventing further similar conflicts?

34. Why did the treaty from question 33 ultimately fail?