

World War I

End of unit assessment

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Factual Knowledge Questions [Brief, 1 sentence answers]

1. What are the dates of World War I?
2. What were the four MAIN causes of World War I?
3. What were the two alliances Europe was divided into called?
4. What was the Schlieffen Plan?
5. Many felt World War I would be over before Christmas 1914 - why wasn't it?
6. Why might 'futile' be a good description of trench warfare?
7. What was the Battle of Verdun - why was it important?
8. What is meant by the phrase 'Lions led by Donkeys'?
9. How did new technology make World War I different from previous conflicts?
10. Why did Russia leave the war?
11. What year did the USA join the war?
12. What is meant by the phrase 'a war of attrition'?
13. When, officially, did World War I end?
14. In what year were the peace treaties held?
15. What was the peace treaty between the Allies and Germany called?

Extended questions [At *least* one paragraph answers]

In this section try to put across all your knowledge on each question - it is more to help you see what you DO know than to penalise you for what you DON'T!

1. Why did the Schlieffen plan fail?
2. Why did the British attack at the Somme fail?
3. How can General Haig be both a butcher and a hero?
4. Why did America join the war in 1917?
5. Why did Britain, France and the USA disagree about the treatment of Germany after WWI?

EXTENSION QUESTION: 'Pyrrhic victory', 'pointless blundering' or 'triumph through adversity' - which is the best description of the First World War?

[Pyrrhic = victory achieved at too great a cost]

[Adversity = danger, difficulty or harsh conditions]