

Year 9 Term 1: Why did the Great War become a global conflict?



Key dates

28 th June 1914	Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
4 th August 1914	Britain declares war on Germany
19 th October 1914	First Battle of Ypres
27 th January 1916	Military Service Act
1 st July 1916- 18 th November 1916	Battle of the Somme
31 st July 1917- 10 th November 1917	Battle of Passchendaele
9 th November 1918	Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicates
11 th November 1918	Armistice signed

Key people

Lord Kitchener	British Secretary of State for War 1914-1916
Archduke Franz Ferdinand	Heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne who was assassinated in Bosnia by the Black Hand Gang
Kaiser Wilhelm II	Emperor of Germany 1888-1918
Harry Farr	A British soldier executed for cowardice during the Battle of the Somme.
Ganga Singh	An Indian soldier who fought in the First Battle of Ypres

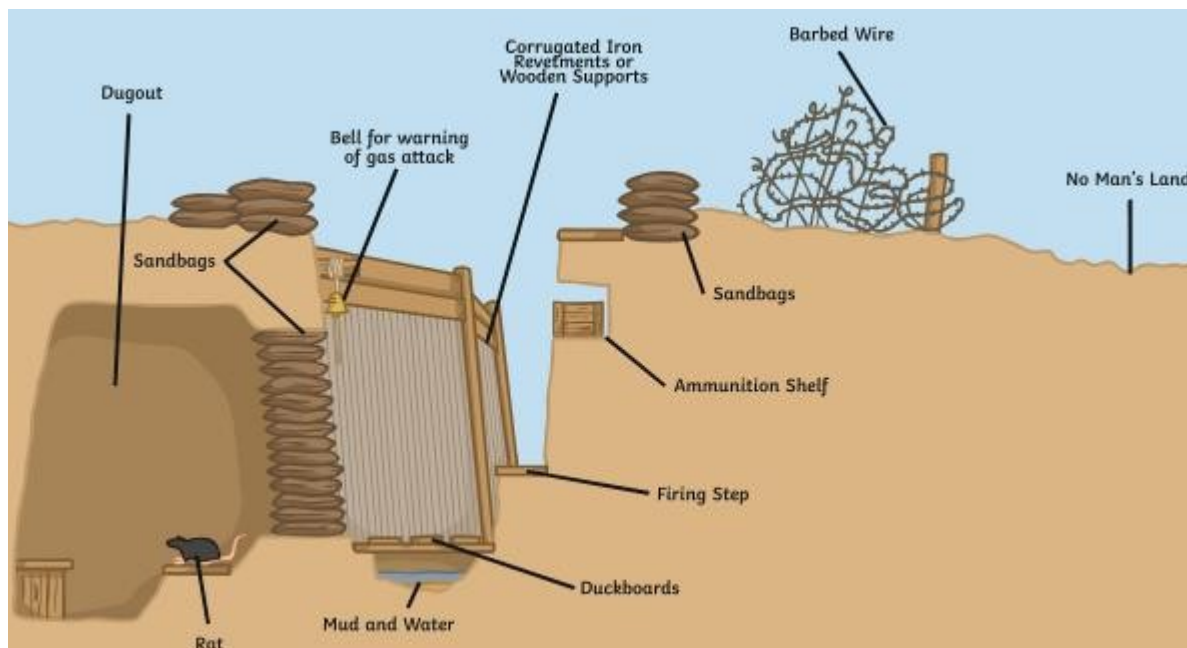
Key Tier 3 vocabulary

abdicate	Give up the throne of a country
alliance	Countries having an agreement to help each other when in need
armistice	A ceasefire after which terms of a treaty are negotiated
artillery	Heavy military ranged weapons used in warfare on land
attrition	Wearing down an opponent
censorship	A government has the power to hide information
conscription	Compulsory joining for service in a country's armed forces
cowardice	Lack of courage and refusing to fight
imperialism	Building and having power over an empire
militarism	Building up strong armies
nationalism	Pride in your country and believing it is better than others
propaganda	Spreading information in support of a cause
shell shock	The psychical and psychological impact of experiencing active warfare

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Prior knowledge required:	Provides building blocks for:
- The British Empire - Industrial Revolution - Warfare through time	- Fighting for rights 20th century- women's suffrage - Interwar years - Causes of the Second World War - Germany 1890-1945 GCSE



A cross-section of a trench from the First World War

What cross-curricular links can you make with this big picture enquiry question?

Key knowledge
MAIN causes- Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism, Nationalism Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
Men, women, empire- Why enlist, conscription. Propaganda posters
The move to trench warfare, trench system, trench conditions
Western Front, Italian Front, war at sea, Africa, Middle East, Gallipoli, Eastern Front
Cowardice, shell shock, how army dealt with this.
Injuries, how treated. Medical advancements. Royal Army Medical Corps and First Aid Nursing Yeomanry
'Forgotten Armies': Ganga Singh, Algerian troops, Mike Mountain horse, Chinese labourers- weapons and new technology, military strategy, treatment of troops and life on front line, psychological effects of war
DORA, censorship, propaganda, rationing, increased female employment, contract workers. Local- Trowbridge cloth industry

Key historical skills		
Cause/consequence	Similarity/difference	Change/continuity
Significance	Sources	Interpretations