

Year 5 History: Understanding World War I

Learning objective: To recall key facts, terms, and the impact of the First World War on Britain and the world.

Read the front of each flashcard to test your knowledge about the First World War. Flip the card mentally (or check the answer provided) to see if you are correct. Use these to revise for our upcoming class quiz with Ellie the Elephant!

When did the First World War begin and end?

It began in 1914 and ended in 1918.

What was the 'Home Front'?

It refers to the activities and experiences of the people who stayed in Britain while the soldiers were away fighting.

What was 'No Man's Land'?

The dangerous stretch of land between the front-line trenches of the two opposing armies.

What was the Armistice?

The agreement signed on 11th November 1918 to stop the fighting, which is why we hold Remembrance Day.

What does the term 'Allies' mean in the context of WWI?

The group of countries, including Britain, France, and later the USA, who fought against the Central Powers.

What was life like in the trenches?

It was very difficult, with soldiers facing mud, cold, lack of sleep, and constant danger.

What was the role of women during the war?

Women took over many jobs that men had left behind, such as working in factories, on farms, and driving transport.

What is 'conscription'?

A law that made it compulsory for men of a certain age to join the armed forces.

Which flower became a symbol of remembrance after the war?

The poppy.

Why was the war called a 'World War'?

Because it involved many countries from different continents, not just those in Europe.

What was the 'Central Powers' alliance?

The main group of countries fighting against the Allies, which included Germany and Austria-Hungary.

How did people at home help the war effort?

By rationing food, growing their own vegetables, and raising money for the troops.