

Ellie's Great War Timeline Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the chronological order of key events and developments during the First World War (1914–1918).

Ellie the elephant has been studying her historical archives, but she has muddled up her timeline! Read the seven statements below. Your task is to sequence them chronologically from 1 (the start of the war) to 7 (the end of the war). Write the correct number (1-7) in the box provided next to each event.

Word bank: Archduke Franz Ferdinand · Alliances · Trenches · Home Front · Armistice · Rationing · Western Front

1. The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand triggers the start of the conflict in Europe. (1 mark)

2. The British government introduces rationing to manage food shortages caused by the war. (1 mark)

3. The Armistice is signed on 11th November, ending the fighting on the Western Front. (1 mark)

4. Soldiers begin digging an extensive network of trenches across the landscape. (1 mark)

5. Countries across Europe honour their alliances and declare war on one another. (1 mark)

6. Women take on many new roles on the Home Front, such as working in factories and on farms. (1 mark)

7. The United States enters the war, providing additional support to the Allied forces. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a commemorative poppy in the space below and label three things you think soldiers might have carried in their kit bags during their time in the trenches.



Extension challenge: Ellie wants to know more about the Home Front! Research one item that was rationed in Britain during the war (such as sugar or butter) and write a short paragraph explaining why families had to be careful with their shopping and pennies during this time.