

Year 5 History: The Great War (World War I) Flashcards

Learning objective: To develop a chronological understanding and historical vocabulary regarding the causes and experiences of the First World War.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of WWI. Read the front, try to recall the answer, then reveal the back to check your understanding.

What was the 'Home Front' during the First World War?

The term used to describe the activities and experiences of civilians in Britain while the soldiers were away fighting at the front lines.

Define 'No Man's Land'.

The dangerous, barren stretch of ground located between the opposing front-line trenches of the two armies.

What was the purpose of the 'Armistice' signed on 11th November 1918?

It was an agreement to stop fighting, which effectively ended the conflict on the Western Front.

Explain the role of 'Conscription'.

A law that required men of a certain age to sign up and serve in the armed forces, rather than volunteering.

What were the 'Trenches'?

Long, narrow ditches dug into the ground where soldiers lived and fought to protect themselves from enemy fire.

Name the two main groups of allied nations in 1914.

The Triple Entente (including Britain, France, and Russia) and the Triple Alliance (including Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy).

What does the term 'Alliances' mean in a historical context?

Formal agreements or partnerships between countries to support and defend each other if attacked.

Who was the British Monarch at the start of World War I?

King George V.

What was the 'Propaganda' used for during the war?

Information, often posters, used to influence people's opinions, boost morale, or encourage men to enlist in the army.

What were 'Rations'?

A fixed allowance of food and supplies given to people because items were in short supply during the war.