

The Great War: A Historical Overview (1914-1918)

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- The conflict began in 1914, involving a complex network of alliances that drew nations from across the globe into a large-scale struggle.
- Trench warfare defined much of the fighting on the Western Front, creating a stalemate where soldiers lived and fought in a network of underground tunnels.
- The Home Front saw significant social change, as women took on roles in agriculture, transport, and industry that were previously held by men.
- New technology, such as tanks, aeroplanes, and early communication devices, changed the nature of military strategy forever.
- The Armistice, signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, brought an end to the fighting and led to the Treaty of Versailles.

Did you know? Did you know? During the war, the 'Canary Girls' worked in munitions factories, handling TNT, which turned their skin a temporary yellow colour! They played a vital role on the Home Front while the men were away at the front lines.

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