

The Great War: Understanding World War I

Join Ellie the Elephant on a journey through history to uncover the story of the First World War!

- The war began in 1914 and lasted until 1918, involving many different countries from across the globe.
- Countries formed alliances, meaning they promised to protect each other if they were attacked.
- Soldiers lived and fought in deep, muddy tunnels dug into the ground, which were known as trenches.
- New technology, such as tanks, aeroplanes, and submarines, changed the way battles were fought for the first time.
- On 11 November 1918, an armistice was signed, marking the end of the fighting and the start of peace negotiations.

Did you know? Did you know? During the war, children on the 'Home Front' in Britain helped the war effort by collecting scrap metal, growing vegetables in 'Victory Gardens', and knitting socks for soldiers to keep them warm in the damp trenches.

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