



Battles of World War I

World War I took place between 1914 and 1918 between opposing sides known as the Allied Powers and the Central Powers. The Allied Powers included France, Russia, Britain and eventually the United States. The Central Powers included Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, and Bulgaria.

Most of the fighting took place in Europe in two main areas that were known as "fronts." On the eastern front, Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Bulgaria fought Russia and Romania. On the western front, from the coast of Belgium to Switzerland, France fought Belgium. These battles were mostly fought from long, deep trenches. Soldiers on opposing sides would stand or crouch in the trenches for cover while shooting and bombing each other.

The first "battle" of World War I was the assassination of Austria-Hungary's Archduke Ferdinand by Serbia in June of 1914. Although only two people were killed, Archduke Ferdinand and his wife, Austria-Hungary considered it an act of war, and soon many countries were involved. Other notable battles of World War I include the sinking of the Lusitania, the Battle of Tannenburg, the first Battle of the Marne, the battle of Verdun, the Battle of Jutland, the Gallipoli Campaign, and the Battle of the Somme.

1. The opposing sides in World War I were known as the _____ powers and the _____ powers.

2. The main areas where the fighting took place were referred to as

3. What was trench warfare? _____
