



Battle of Tannenberg

The Battle of Tannenberg, which took place from August 23 - 30 in 1914, was one of the first major battles of World War I. Fought between the German Eighth Army and the Russian Second Army, it was an important victory for Germany because they were able to defeat a larger army using superior tactics and training, demonstrating to the world that they were indeed a force to be reckoned with.

The battle was dubbed the Battle of Tannenberg by Germany for purposes of propaganda. Though the battle occurred closer to Allenstein than to Tannenberg, German Teutonic Knights had been defeated at Tannenberg during the Middle Ages. Proclaiming this significant victory the Battle at Tannenberg was meant to symbolize Germany's return to power.

1. Why was this battle significant?

2. How did the Battle of Tannenberg get its name?