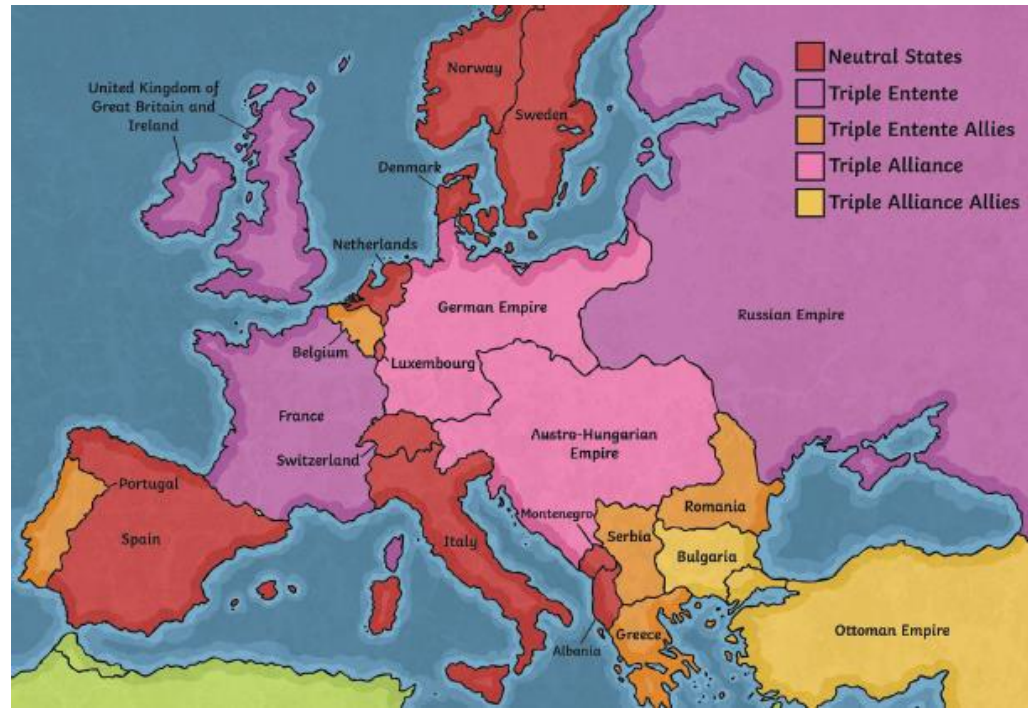


Topic Fact Sheet - World War 1 (1914-1918)

Key Terms

- The Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, was assassinated by a Serbian man on 28 June, 1914.
- Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, which then involved Russia.
- Germany, an ally of Austria-Hungary, then declared war on Russia.
- Britain declared war on Germany on 4 August, 1914 as a result of Germany invading Belgium.
- The Great War lasted for four years and affected people from all over the world.
- Finally, the war ended in 1918 when Germany and her allies realised, due to many reasons, it was no longer possible for them to win.
- WW1 ended at 11am on 11 November, 1918.



Air Raid	A bomb attack from the sky
Alliance/ ally	An agreement to help each other
Battalion	A military unit
Conscription	A law to say that eligible men had to enlist
Enlist	To join the armed forces
Front Line	Closest to the area of conflict
Home Front	The participation of the public to support the war effort
Rationing	A system to ensure everyone had enough food and resources
Triple Alliance	Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy
Triple Entente	Great Britain, France, Russia
Trench	Long, narrow ditches dug into the ground where soldiers lived.
Troops	Armed forces: Army, Navy, Air Force
Zeppelin	Air ship filled with hydrogen gas used by Germany to bomb England



Lord Kitchener succeeded in recruiting over 1,000,000 men by the end of 1914. By the end of the war almost one quarter of all the men in Britain had been in the armed forces.

Developments in technology meant there were new weapons and machinery used in WW1. Morse code was used to communicate and the first tanks were built.



Important battles include:
 The Battle of the Somme
 The Battle of Jutland
 The Battle of Marne
 The Battle of Gallipoli

Women weren't allowed to fight as soldiers in WW1. So they found other ways to help both on the front line and on the home front.



Animals were used in WW1 to communicate, carry resources and to build morale.



We remember WW1 on Armistice Day, 11 November