

Year 9 History Maximise 1

Core Knowledge

Long and Short Term Causes of WWI

Long term causes of WWI such as Nationalism, Imperialism, Militarism and Alliances. The short term causes was the assassination of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand which was the trigger for the start of the war.

Recruitment and Propaganda

In the first few years there were plenty of men joining the army but by the end of war they had to conscript men and persuade them to join via propaganda posters displaying the war as a good time and as their moral duty to fight.

Battle of the Somme

The Battle of the Somme is known as the worst battle in WWI. The plan was to bomb the German trenches, destroy the barbed wire and then walk across no mans land. This plan didn't work and instead led to 57,000 casualties and 19,00 deaths on the first day alone.

Conditions in the Trenches

The trenches were built in a zig-zag formation to stop bombs from completely destroying the whole trench. The conditions were awful, muddy, wet that would lead to people getting infections and illnesses. The food they had to eat was of poor quality.

Armistice

Armistice is celebrated on 11th November when we remember those that perished in WWI. This was the day that the major powers in WWI agreed to sign an agreement to end WWI. The level of destruction as a result of WWI was untold.



Talk like a Historian

Nationalism – Having pride in your country and being ready to defend it.

Imperialism – Trying to build up the amount of countries you rule over.

Militarism – Building up an army.

Alliances – Agreements to help defend other countries in war.

Propaganda – Trying to persuade people to think a certain way.

No Mans Land – The area between the two trenches. It was a dangerous area to be and often where the injured and the dead had to be collected by stretcher bearers

Conscientious Objector – A person who refuses to fight on the grounds that they believe war is wrong.

Conscription – When men were forced to join the army because they didn't have enough men volunteering.

Artillery – The huge guns that fired artillery shells across from one trench to another.

Shell shock – A form of PTSD where soldiers were scared when they heard loud noises like that of the artillery bombs on the Western Front. Often men would run away from the army and they would be put on trial for cowardice and sentenced to death.

Western Front – Name to describe the line of trenches that were occupied by the British.

Deeper learning through enrichment tasks

The enrichment tasks have been designed to give you a wider understanding of the topic you are studying. You might not have learnt about some of the topics in class but through these tasks you will expand your knowledge further.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks3-gcse-women-of-world-war-one/zfxcmfr>

Women and WW1. create a factfile on how the war impacted on Women's lives.



Create a detailed timeline of the major battles of WW1



Create a set of Top Trumps for the main countries involved in WW1



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DnBYftRh_E0

Watch this video and create a WW1 trench in a shoebox.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqhyb9q/articles/z8sssbk>

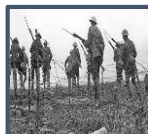
Watch the video clip, have a go at the interactive trench map and complete the quiz. Then write a letter about what the Christmas Truce was like for soldiers in the trenches.



Create a newspaper article about the first day of the Battle of the Somme

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/history/a-short-guide-to-medical-services-during-the-first-world-war>

Create a comic strip looking at what medical treatment that was available for those injured on the western Front.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqhyb9q/articles/zhw3jvhv>

Use the information to write an extended piece of writing about how they used posters as propaganda.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRN45tje2X0>

Watch the video about the role of animals in WWI and complete a list with all the animals and three bullet points about the roles they carried out in the war.

Quiz Time – Am I ready to move on?

1. What were the MAIN causes of WWI?
2. How did they use propaganda posters to persuade people to join the army?
3. What were conditions like in the trenches?
4. What happened on the first day of the Somme?
5. What happened to soldiers who had shell shock?

Take your learning even further?

Books you could read on WWI

- 1) War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
- 2) The Secret of Nightingale Wood by Lucy Strange.



Show what you know!

Create a mind map with information around the following headings:

- Causes of WWI
- Recruitment and propaganda
- Battle of the Somme
- Shot at dawn
- Forgotten soldiers of WWI