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# World War I



World War I, also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ War, was a major conflict that reshaped the world between 1914 and 1918. It involved many \_\_\_\_\_ across the globe, fundamentally altering the political landscape. The assassination of Archduke \_\_\_\_\_ Ferdinand of Austria in 1914 was the spark that ignited the war. This event led to a chain reaction of alliances and rivalries coming into play. The war saw unprecedented \_\_\_\_\_ technology, including tanks, airplanes, and machine guns. Trench warfare became a defining characteristic, with soldiers living and fighting in long, deep \_\_\_\_\_. The war was not just fought in Europe; battles also took place in Africa, Asia, and the \_\_\_\_\_ East. Key battles include the Battle of the \_\_\_\_\_, Verdun, and the Marne. These battles were noted for their high \_\_\_\_\_ and strategic importance. The war ended with the signing of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Versailles in 1919, which imposed heavy reparations on \_\_\_\_\_. The consequences of World War I set the stage for World War II, making it a pivotal event in \_\_\_\_\_.

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