

1 | when the war began, people realized offense wasn't actually dominant

1.1 | **defense was actually easier than offense**

2 | why not stop (why didn't they cut their losses)

2.1 | **pride**

2.2 | **sunk cost fallacy - both sides thought they might *just* be able to win**

2.2.1 | **maybe if one government can outlast another (if enemy is about to collapse) then it'll be over soon**

2.3 | **people had been expecting it**

2.4 | **this idea that the people who back down first will lose**

2.5 | **defending still seems riskier**

2.6 | **preempting being better assumes element of surprise, but everyone was expecting it**

2.7 | **prefer that the war happens on someone else's turf**

3 | defense is relatively easy

3.1 | **machine guns and trenches are too effective for cutting down foot soldiers**

3.2 | **no tanks to deal with barbed wire and machine gun fire**