World War I(Great War)

World War I, also known as the First World War or the Great War. We can call it a global war. It was started from the centerpiece of Europe in 28 July 1914. It lasted until 11 November 1918. The real causes of World War I included politics, secret alliances, imperialism, and nationalistic pride. However, there was one single Incident, the Murder of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria, which started a chain of events leading to war. Gavrilo Princip was his killer. Gavrilo had connections with the Serbian nationalist with ties to the secretive military group.

Because of that Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia in 1914 July 28. Then Germany supported to Austria-Hungary. Russia entered to the war on August 1, 1914 to support to Serbia. Reasons for that were that plagued his neighboring European countries, imperialist competition, noxious nationalism, military arrogance. However Russia became a Powerful country of the Allies.

August 2, 1914 - Ottoman Empire (Turkey) and Germany sign a secret treaty of alliance. August 3, 1914 - Germany declares war on France. Ottoman Empire attended to the war on 29 October 1914.

After that Great Britain entered to the war on 4 August 1914. The main reason for that however, was to prevent a French defeat that would have left Germany in control of Western Europe. Since that day Great Britain fought against to Germany.

The US declared war on Germany in April 6 1917 because Germany attacked few American Passenger Ships travelling to the Britain. But Germany stated that the ships were carrying weapons.

Japan declared war on Germany in 23 August 1914 as an Allies country because they wanted to expand their power to influence in China and the Pacific.

**The Leaders of World War I-**

**Allies Powers-**

Great Briatain-Prime Minister Herbert Henry Asquith and Prime Minister David Lloyd George. Britain was a constitutional monarchy under George V.

Russia-when start WWI [Tsar Nicolas II](https://www.ducksters.com/history/world_war_i/tsar_nicholas_ii.php) was the leader of Russia. After The Russian Revolution Tsar Nicolas II was executed in 1918.

French- President Raymond Nicolas Landry(1913 to 1920) **,**Prime Minister Georges Clemenceau- Clemenceau (1917 to 1920)

Italy-King VictorEmmanuel Orlando, Prime Minister [Antonio Salandra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonio_Salandra), Prime Minister Paolo Boselli

Serbia: King Peter I

Belgium: King Albert I

Australia:Joseph Cook

**Central Powers-**

Germeny:EmpireWilhelm II

Austria - Hungary : Empire Franz Joseph

Bulgaria:Prime Minister Vasil Radoslavov

Ottoman Empire: Ismail Enver Pasha

**Major Battles of World War I-**

1.Battle of the Somme (1916)

2.[German Spring Offensives](https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/the-german-spring-offensives-of-world-war-i.html" \t "_blank) on the Western Front (1918)

3.[Battle of Cambrai](https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/what-was-the-battle-of-cambrai.html" \t "_blank) (1917)

4.[Battle of Caporetto](https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/what-was-the-battle-of-caporetto.html" \t "_blank) (Fall of 1917)

5.Battle of Passchendaele (1917)

6.[Battle of Verdun](https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/the-battle-of-verdun.html" \t "_blank) (1916)

7.[Battle of Jutland](https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/what-was-the-battle-of-jutland.html" \t "_blank) (Spring of 1916)

8.[Battle of Gallipoli](https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/what-was-the-battle-of-gallipoli.html" \t "_blank) (1915-1916)

9.[First Battle of Marne](https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/what-was-the-first-battle-of-marne.html" \t "_blank) (September of 1914)

10.[Battle of Tannenberg](https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/what-was-the-battle-of-tannenberg.html) (August of 1914) Russian and German soldiers.

**Weapones Used in World War I**

Allies’ Weapones used in WW1-

Russia-

Rifles-

Arisaka Type 30

Arisaka Type 35

Arisaka Type 38

Berdan M1868 and M1870

Berthier M1907/15

Carl M1865

Fedorov Avtomat M1916

Gras M187

Krnka M1867

Lebel M1886/93

Mosin–Nagant M1891 and M1907

Springfield M1892

Vetterli M1870 and M1870/87

Winchester M1895

Winchester M1910

Sidearms-

Browning M1903

Colt M1911

Smith & Wesson No. 3

Machine guns-

Maxim M1910

Vickers Mk I

Colt–Browning M1895/14

Lewis Mk I and M1917

Hotchkiss M1909

Britain & Commonwealth Countries

Rifles-

Arisaka Type 30

Arisaka Type 38

Elephant gun

Magazine Lee–Enfield Mk I

Short Magazine Lee–Enfield Mk I, Mk II and Mk III

Lee–Metford Mk I and Mk II

Mauser–Verqueiro M1904

Martini–Enfield Mk I and Mk II

Remington Rolling Block M1901

Snider–Enfield Mk III

Winchester M1886

Winchester M1907

Machine guns-

Browning M1917

Hotchkiss Mk I

Maxim M1884

Vickers Mk I

Sidearms-

Colt M1903 Pocket Hammerless

Colt M1909

Colt M1911

Mauser C96

Smith & Wesson M1899

Webley M1872 British Bull Dog

USA-

Rifles-

Berthier M1907/15

Browning M1918

Enfield M1917

Short Magazine Lee–Enfield Mk III

Springfield M1896 and M1898

Springfield M1903

Winchester M1895

Winchester M1910

Winchester M1907

Machine guns

Benét–Mercié M1909

Browning M1917

Chauchat M1915 and M1918

Colt–Vickers M1915

Lewis M1917

Sidearms-

Colt M1889

Colt M1903 Pocket Hammerless

Colt M1917

Savage M1907

Smith & Wesson M1917

**Central Powers-**

Germen-

Rifles-

GRC Gewehr 88/05

GRC Gewehr 91

Mauser Gewehr 71 and 71/84

Mauser Karabiner 9A

Mauser M1887

Mondragón M1908

Werder M1869

Machine guns-

Bergmann MG 15 and MG 15 NA

DWM MG 99

DWM Parabellum MG 14

Gast M1917

Madsen M1902

Sidearms-

Bayard M1908

Beholla M1915

Bergmann–Bayard M1910

Dreyse M1907

Luger P04 and P08

Reichsrevolver M1879

Schwarzlose M1908

Steyr M1912

Japan-

Rifles-

Arisaka Type 30

Arisaka Type 35

Arisaka Type 38

Arisaka Type 44 Carbine

Murata Type 13, Type 18

Murata Type 22

Machine guns

Nambu Type 3

Hotchkiss M1900

Sidearms-

Hino Komuro M1908

Meiji Type 26

Nambu Type B