

History Topic: World War One

Key Term	Meaning
Nationalism	Identification with one's own nation and support for its interests, especially to the exclusion or detriment of the interests of other nations.
Alliances	An agreement between countries where they agree to assist one another in the event of a war.
Imperialism	A policy of extending a country's power and influence through colonization, use of military force, or other means.
Militarism	The belief that a country should maintain a strong military capability and be prepared to use it aggressively to defend or promote national interests.
The Triple Entente/Triple Alliance	The alliance between Britain, France, & Russia, which was opposed by the Triple Alliance, which was Germany, Austro-Hungary, & Italy.
Assassination	The politically motivated murder of a politician or other famous person.
Western Front	The battle front, mostly in France, where Germany fought the French and British armies.
Eastern Front	The battle front in eastern Europe where Germany and Austria Hungary fought the Russian Empire.
Trench Warfare	A way of fighting in World War One where soldier dug fortifications into the ground to protect themselves from enemy fire. It was a very effective form of defensive and resulted in stalemate on the Western Front
Stalemate	A situation in a war where neither side can achieve victory over the other. Both sides are evenly matched.
Battle of Somme	A large battle on the Western Front in 1916 in which the British and French attempted to break the German line. Lasting five months, the British and French gained little ground and suffered hundreds of the thousands of casualties, as did the Germans
Propaganda	Propaganda is the spreading of rumours, false or correct information, or an idea, to influence the opinion of society. It may advance an idea or oppose another idea. Generally, propaganda is a technique for convincing people, but which is misleading in nature, or promotes a false viewpoint.
Blockade	Where one country or alliance, uses naval power to prevent trade and other shipments from reaching the opposing side. This was used by Britain against Germany in WWI

Expectation: You need to learn the spelling and definition of these key terms off by heart!