## **Unit 11: World War I in 1914**

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## **Epic History - WORLD WAR ONE: 1914**

1. 1914: the Great Powers of Europe are divided into two rival alliances: The Triple Entente: France, Britain and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, united by fear and suspicion of Germany.
2. Europe's new strongest power. And the Triple Alliance: Germany, which fears encirclement by its rivals;\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, clinging onto a fragile empire; and Italy, seeking gains at French expense.
3. Who was assassinated in Sarajevo, July 1914 to spark WWI? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. The Russian Tsar, Nicholas II, feels honor-bound to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Serbia, a fellow Slav nation, and orders the Russian army to mobilize.
5. What was the name of the German plan to avoid a two front war with France and Russia? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Who declares war on Germany after Germany invades Belgium? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**OPENING MOVES IN EUROPE**

**7.** Where do the Allies finally make their stand? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How many miles from Paris? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**8.** The Race to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_' begins, as both sides try to outflank each other to the north.



**THE WAR AT SEA**

**9.** How many German cruisers were sunk by a British battleship at Heligoland Bight? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**10.** Britain has the most powerful navy in the world: They now impose a naval \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Germany, preventing contraband goods, including \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, from reaching it by sea. The aim is to bring Germany's economy to its knees and force it to surrender.

**11.** What is now herald as deadly new challenge to Britain's command of the seas? German \_\_\_ - Boats

**THE EASTERN FRONT**

**12.** In the Battle of Tannenberg, August 1914, how many Russian soldiers were taken prisoner by Germany? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**13**. Austro-Hungary's offensive against Russia also ends in disaster and retreat, with the loss of more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ men.

**14.** Who ends up joining the Central Powers, declaring war on its old enemy, Russia? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**THE WORLD AT WAR**



**15.** African soldiers, known as 'Askaris', fighting in German service in East Africa.

Beyond Europe, the war rages on the world's oceans and in far-flung European \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**16.** The German colonies of Samoa and New Guinea surrender to troops from New Zealand and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**17.** While in the Middle East, British troops seize control of the Ottoman port of Basra, securing access to the vital Persian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that fuels the British fleet.

**WINTER 1914**

**18.** That winter, Austrian troops finally capture Belgrade, but the Serbs then counterattack and drive them back once more. The fighting in Serbia has already cost around \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ casualties on each side.

**19.** In the Caucasus, an Ottoman offensive through the mountains in midwinter ends in disaster at Sarikamish. Turkish casualties total 60,000, many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to death.

**20.** On the Western Front, the French launch their first major offensive against the German lines: but the First Battle of Champagne leads to small gains at a cost of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ casualties.

**21**. That first Christmas is marked in some sectors by a short truce, and games of football in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the killing zone between the trenches.