



## **Unit 11:WWI - 1915**

1. January 1915. World War One is just five months old, and already around \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ million soldiers have fallen.
2. Austro-Hungarian troops have also suffered huge losses, and are humiliated by their failure to defeat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. While on the Western Front, French, British and Belgian troops are dug in facing the Germans, in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_stretching from the English Channel to Switzerland.
4. **19th January:** As part of the world’s first strategic bombing campaign, Germany sends two giant airships, known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to bomb Britain.
5. **7th February:** On the Eastern Front, German Field Marshal von Hindenburg launches a Winter Offensive, and inflicts another massive defeat on the Russian army at the Second Battle of Masurian Lakes. The Russians lose up to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_men, half of them surrendering amid freezing winter conditions.
6. **10th March**: On the Western Front, the British attack at Neuve Chapelle, but the advance is soon halted by German barbed wire and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. **22nd April:** At the Second Battle of Ypres, the Germans attack with poison \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the first time on the Western Front.
8. **24th April:** The Ottoman Empire begins the systematic deportation and murder of ethnic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ living within its borders. The Armenians are a long-persecuted ethnic and religious minority, suspected of supporting Turkey's enemies. left to die. In all, more than a million Armenians perish.
9. **7th May:** At sea, the British passenger-liner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, sailing from New York to Liverpool, is torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland without warning. US President Woodrow Wilson and the American public are outraged.
10. **23rd May**:Which alliance does Italy join?

Central or Allied (**circle** the correct one)

1. **1st September:** In the Atlantic, a German U-boat sinks the liner SS Arabic: \_\_\_\_ are lost, including three Americans. In response to further US warnings, Germany ends all attacks on passenger ships.
2. **3rd October:** by the end of the war a third of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ army has been killed – the highest proportion of any nation.
3. **20th December:** The Allies abandon the Gallipoli campaign. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ troops are secretly evacuated without alerting Turkish forces. Not a man is lost. 
4. Why is 1915 a bad year for the Allies? – enormous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for no tangible\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. .All sides still believe a decisive battlefield victory is within grasp.