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World War I, also known as the Great War, was a global military conflict that occurred mainly in Europe from 1914 to 1918. It was caused by a mix of political alliances, growing nationalism, imperial rivalries, and an intense arms race among the world's most powerful nations. The immediate cause was the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria in Sarajevo, which led Austria-Hungary to declare war on Serbia. This triggered a chain reaction as other nations joined the conflict due to their alliances: Germany supported Austria-Hungary, while Russia, France, and the United Kingdom supported Serbia. The war was fought between two major groups, the Triple Entente made up of France, the United Kingdom, and Russia, and the Central Powers formed by Germany, Austria-Hungary, the Ottoman Empire, and Bulgaria. Later, countries like Italy and the United States joined the war. It was characterized by the use of new weapons such as tanks, machine guns, airplanes, and poison gas, along with brutal trench warfare that caused millions of deaths. The war led to massive destruction, economic hardship, and political changes, including the fall of several empires and the increased role of women in the workforce. It ended on November 11, 1918, with Germany's defeat and was officially concluded with the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, which imposed harsh punishments on Germany and created tensions that would eventually lead to World War II.



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