

# World War I Activities



Underline in the text the verbs on the past

The first World War was fought by a lot of countries. It started in 1914 and it ended in 1918, killing 40 million people. Great Britain entered the war in August 1914 after Germany invaded France. It was a war in which, for the first time, more sophisticated weapons were used, like machine guns, tanks, submarines and planes.

America entered the war in 1917.

32 countries fought in this war: the Allies (Great Britain, Russia, Japan, Serbia, USA) battled the Central Powers (Germany, Bulgaria, Austria-Hungary, Turkey).

The Allies won the war. It ended by the signing of many different treaties, the most important was the Treaty of Versailles in 1919.

During the war women had to do all the work because the men were away fighting.

They had jobs on the land and in factories, but they were less paid than male workers and, when the war finished, they lost their jobs.

Often the men in the family didn't return from war and there was nobody to support the women and their children. This situation forced society to think about women's rights.



Find the past simple of this verbs:

Fight ..... Pay.....  
Be ..... win.....  
Lose..... Have.....

## Link the words in bold with their meaning

1. Long hole in the ground where soldiers live and fought

2. Obligatory military service

3. Large machines with a cannon at the front

4. Joined

5. Missiles

6. Bombs, bullets, etc.

A) Tanks

B) Torpedoes

C) Conscription

D) Trench

E) Ammunition

F) Enrolled



## Answer questions

1. When did the war start?

2. How many people died?

3. How long did it last?

4. Which new inventions were introduced in World War I?

5. Why was life difficult for women during the war?

6. When was the Treaty of Versailles signed?

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