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# THE GREAT WAR

In 1914, war broke out in Europe. The countries of Europe were divided against each other. The two main sides during World War I were the Allied Powers and the Central Powers. The Allied Powers consisted of Great Britain, France, and Russia. The Central Powers consisted of Germany, Turkey, and Austria-Hungary. The colonies of these nations in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and the Pacific were soon drawn into the war as well.

World War I was known as the Great War because this conflict was the first war that involved so many countries worldwide. Many felt that this would be the war to end all other wars. History shows that this would not be the case. This war was also different in that the weapons used were new and more deadly. Armies had never used tanks, airplanes, or gas grenades. Losses in each battle were greater than ever. Another effective weapon was the submarine. Submarines could sink large ships carrying troops and supplies.

Trench warfare was a new concept introduced during World War I. Soldiers dug long, deep trenches, or ditches in the ground, and lived in them for long periods of time. These trenches were used as a place to stay and also as a form of protection.

The war finally ended after the German leader Kaiser Wilhelm resigned. On November 11, 1918, an armistice haulted the fighting and a peace treaty followed.

## STORY QUESTIONS

1. Which countries formed the Central Powers?
   a. Germany, Russia, Great Britain
   b. Germany, Turkey, and Austria-Hungary
   c. Germany, Turkey, and France
   d. Germany and France
2. How were trenches used during World War I?
   a. Soldiers used them to store their weapons.
   b. Trenches were dug to capture the enemy and for protection.
   c. Trenches were used to store supplies and for protection.
   d. Soldiers dug trenches to live in them and use them as a means of protection.
3. Based on the reading passage, why was this called the Great War?
   a. It was the first war to ever divide Europe.
   b. It was a great war for both sides.
   c. It was the largest war that had ever been fought in the world.
   d. It would be the last war ever fought.

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