

We will be answering the question; Who was impacted the most by World War One? In our history lessons, we will study the causes of the First World War and the parts the allies and the central powers played. We will also study the artist Georgia O'Keefe to create some poppy art. Keeping things local, we will dive into the historic gems that are the Hawley logbooks which date back to when the school was founded in 1854! We will learn about the historical significance of wartime songs and explore the power of music demonstrated in the Christmas Truce of December 1914.

Fascinating Facts

- In the early 1900s, many European countries such as Britain, France, Spain and Italy colonised countries in Africa and Asia and were considered very powerful.
- Germany did not colonise other countries and they were not as powerful. Germany wanted greater power, so they began building large warships and creating a strong army.
- Countries also formed alliances. The Triple Alliance was formed in 1882. The Triple Entente was formed in 1907.
- Because of the different power struggles and alliances, there was tension and distrust amongst some countries across Europe.



A postcard of King George: Christmas 1918



Key People

Archduke Franz Ferdinand; Gavrilo Princip; David Lloyd George; King George V; Queen Mary; Princess Mary

The Big Picture

What I should know:

- A two-minute silence is held every year on 11th November to celebrate the end of the war and to remember all the people who fought in the First World War and all other wars, including World War Two (1939 - 1945).

What I will know:

- In 1914, Archduke Ferdinand was due to become the king of Austria-Hungary.
- Gavrilo Princip from Serbia assassinated Archduke Ferdinand and his wife, causing Austria-Hungary to declare war on Serbia.
- Russia began to move their army in case they were needed.
- Germany did not like Russia preparing their army and so declared war on them. Germany then also declared war on France.
- Britain declared war on Germany to support Russia and France.

Links to future topics:

- KS3 - The Treaty of Versailles punished Germany for their involvement in starting the war.

Glossary

Alliance - An agreement between two or more people, groups, or countries to support each other.

Armistice - An agreement by countries at war to stop fighting.

Assassinated - The act of murdering someone (usually an important person).

Colonised - One country taking control of another country.

Declare - To announce.

Invalidate - To enter an area and forcibly take control.

Rationed - Being given a food allowance when food is in short supply.

Trenches - A long, narrow ditch which opposing troops would fight from. They were dug out of the land. Soldiers would sleep and rest in the trenches as well as eat their meals. The trenches were very dirty and wet. They were often filled with rats!

Truce - An agreement between enemies or opponents to stop fighting or arguing for a certain time.

