

Reporter's Notebook Handout Answer Key

Use this worksheet to take notes as you examine each source for your report.

Source 1: [The Great War: A Visual History Interactive Timeline](#)

1870-1914: The Pre-War Period

Who was part of the Triple Alliance?

Germany, Austro Hungary, and Italy

Which countries made up the Triple Entente?

Great Britain, France, and Russia

1914: When and where did war first break out in Europe?

June 18, 1914 Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austro Hungary was assassinated by a person with ties to Serbia.

1915: What was the Western Front and what part did it play in WWI?

Aircraft and dirigibles (Zeppelins); bombs dropped from aircraft. Both of these technologies allowed for the war to be fought both in the air and on the ground. Made it more difficult to protect civilians and industry. Source: German Air Raids on England.

1916: Many new battlefield technologies emerged during WWI. What were some of them, and how did they change the way that war was waged?

France and Belgium, situated to the west of Germany, comprised the main theatre of fighting in WWI. Source: Deadlock on the Western Front

Who were the Flying Yanks and what was their importance?

American pilots that were flying for the allies even before the U.S. entered the war. Their accomplishments include shooting down enemy planes and providing surveillance and reconnaissance for Allied troops. Source: Flying Yanks, Americans in the Air

1917: The United States entered the war in 1917. Although initially determined not to get involved, what changed the minds of Americans?

Two events helped to change American public opinion. The first was the interception of the Zimmerman Telegraph. It proposed an alliance between Germany, Japan, and Mexico with the plan that Mexico would annex Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. The second contributing event was the sinking of several American ships in the Atlantic Ocean. Source: U.S. Declares War on Germany

1918: (Note the increase in the number of events taking place in France)

Who took part in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive?

The United States and France versus Germany

How many total troops took part in the battle?

Over 1,000,000

When did the offensive take place? How long did it last?

From September 26 to November 11, 1918

Where did the offensive occur?

Between the Argonne Forest and Meuse River

Why was the Meuse-Argonne Offensive important to the outcome of the war?

It broke the German defensive line

Source 2: [*This Day in History, September 26, 1918: The Meuse-Argonne Campaign Begins*](#)

What type of geography did troops traverse during the Meuse-Argonne Campaign?

The area was comprised of hills and forests. Important because the Germans were entrenched in the region and the topography provided them with strong defensive positions.

How many miles long was the Western Front?

400 miles

How many American casualties and deaths occurred during the campaign?

26,000 dead; 100,000 wounded