

## The First World War – order of significant events

28 June 1914	The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand (the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne) and Countess Sophie in Sarajevo (Bosnia) by a member of the Black Hand.
	Austria-Hungary sends an ultimatum to Serbia, saying they must admit to being behind the assassination and must give up their independence. Serbia rejects the ultimatum.
28 July 1914	Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia.
29 July 1914	Russia mobilises her troops.
1 August 1914	Germany declares war on Russia.
2 August 1914	Germany asks Belgium to allow German soldiers to march through Belgium. Belgium refuses.
3 August 1914	Germany starts marching into Belgium. Germany declares war on France.
4 August 1914	Britain declares war on Germany (Britain had a pact with Belgium that it will assist in war time).
5 August 1914	France declares war on Germany.
6 August 1914	Austria-Hungary declares war on Russia.
12 August 1914	Britain and France declare war on Austria-Hungary.
5 September 1914	The Battle of the Marne. The German advance is stopped by the British and French and trench warfare begins.



19 October – 22 November 1914	First battle of Ypres. Won by Allies.
4 November 1914	The Ottoman Empire declares war on the Allies.
Christmas 1914	The Christmas Truce.
25 April 1915	Allied Forces attack the Ottoman Empire in the Battle of Gallipoli.
7 May 1915	1,195 civilian passengers are killed when German U-boats attack the Lusitania.
February 1916	Battle of Verdun.
31 May 1916	Battle of Jutland. Biggest naval battle between Germany and Britain fought in the North Sea.
1 July 1916	Battle of the Somme begins.
6 April 1917	U.S.A declares war on Germany.
7 November 1917	Lenin and the Bolsheviks take control of Russia.
17 December 1917	Russia leaves the war.
15 July 1918	2 <sup>nd</sup> battle of the Marne.
September – October 1918	German allies start to surrender. Leaving Germany as the only country fighting the Allies.
November 1918	German navy refuses to fight. There are riots in Germany cities (food shortages).
11 November 1918	An armistice is signed. The War stops at the 11 <sup>th</sup> hour on the 11 <sup>th</sup> day of the 11 <sup>th</sup> month.
28 June 1919	The Treaty of Versailles is signed.



## Allies

- The British Empire (the colonies also fought)
- France
- Belgium
- Russia (until 1917)
- USA (from 1917)

## The Central Powers

- Germany
- Austria-Hungary
- Ottoman Empire (Turkey)
- Bulgaria (from 1915)