



Year 4/5 History Knowledge Organiser

Is there ever a place for war?



Key Individuals:

Archduke Franz Ferdinand Otto Von Bismark Sir Edward Grey
Arthur Zimmerman Lord Kitchener Kaiser Wilhelm II

Subject Specific Skills

To know and show a good understanding of historical vocabulary present, communicate and organise ideas about the past;
To examine causes and results of great events and the impact these had on people
To use a range of evidence to offer some clear reasons for different interpretations of events, linking this to factual understanding about the past;
To show an awareness of the concept of propaganda.

Prior Learning

To investigate different accounts of historical events and explain why accounts may be different;
To construct informed responses about one aspect of life or a key event in the past;
To identify key features, aspects and events of the time studied;
To use and understand appropriate historical vocabulary to communicate information;
To present, communicate and organise ideas about the past.

Who went to war

The Triple Entente/The Allies		The Triple Alliance/The Central Powers	
	United Kingdom		Germany
	France		Italy
	Russia		Austria-Hungary
	The USA was a major trading partner with Britain. In April 1917, the USA declared war against Germany for attacking their trading ships around Britain.		

Key Vocabulary

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

Invade – To enter an area and forcibly take control.

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

Europe before the war

- 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. They wanted greater power, so they began building large warships and creating a strong army.
- 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 amongst some countries across Europe.

The Battle of the Somme

- 1st July – 18th Nov 1916.
- It took place in France.
- One of the most devastating events of the First World War.
- Over one million soldiers died.
- 19 000 British soldiers were killed on the first day of battle.



The Western Front

The Western Front, a stretch of land through France and Belgium from the Swiss border to the North Sea. Whichever side won there – either the Central Powers or the Entente – would claim victory!

Advancements in Warfare

