

The Spring Partnership Trust– Knowledge Organiser

History Focus

WW1

Year 6

When? (Key Knowledge)

June 1914	Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria is assassinated by a Serbian terrorist.
	Following a number of threats, Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia.
August 1914	Germany declares war on Russia in support of Austria-Hungary before declaring war on France. Following a German invasion of Belgium, Britain declares war on Germany.
September 1914	The German army is stopped short of Paris by British and French soldiers. Trench warfare begins.
April 1917	America declares war on Germany.
November 1918	Armistice agrees that sees Germany admit defeat. Guns fall silent at 11am.

Background Information

World War I began in 1914, after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and lasted until 1918. During the conflict, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire fought against Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Romania, Japan and the United States. Thanks to new military technologies and the horrors of trench warfare, World War I saw unprecedented levels of carnage and destruction. By the time the war was over, more than 16 million people (soldiers and civilians) were dead.

What? (Key vocab)

Spelling	Definition
Allied Powers	An alliance between a number of countries including Britain, France, Russia, Italy, and Japan.
Balkans	A region in Southeast Europe that includes countries such as Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, and Romania.
Conscript	A person who is enlisted into the army whether they want to join or not.
Dreadnought	Dreadnoughts were large and heavily armoured battleships.
Frontline	The front line was the point at which the armies of each side met. This is where most of the fighting took place.
Propaganda	Information used and distributed to present one side of an issue.
Treaty of Versailles	The Treaty between the Allies and Germany that ended World War I.

Diagrams and Symbols

Main Participating Countries			
Allied Countries		Central Powers	
Country	Flag	Country	Flag
France		Germany	
United Kingdom		Austria-Hungary	
Italy		Ottoman Empire (Modern Turkey)	
Russia		Bulgaria	
U.S.A			

Who?

Herbert Asquith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1908-1916
Woodrow Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President of the United States during the war.