

National History

WW1 Revision Tasks



Pupils should use these questions to help revise the ‘Era of the Great War’ topic.

In each case your recalled knowledge will be needed to answer fully.



Pupils should write in full sentences and paragraphs as usual. Remember to make a new point for every mark available.

Also, follow your exam help sheet regarding exact answer structure.



Exercise 1

The Alliance System

Each Country wanted powerful friends to help them if war broke out.

Q) Describe the Alliance System in Europe before 1914.

Exercise 2

The Naval Arms Race

By 1914 Britain and Germany stared menacingly at each other across the North Sea.

Q) Explain the reasons why naval rivalry was important in causing tension before 1914?

Exercise 3

The Balkans

The explosive mix of nationalism and imperialism made the Balkans a very unstable region.

Q) Explain the reasons why the Balkan region was a major source of tension before 1914?

Exercise 4

The Sarajevo Assassination

A young Serbian student Gavrilo Princip stepped forward and shot the Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie.

Q) Describe the events of June 28th 1914 in Sarajevo.

Exercise 5

The outbreak of war!

Austria declared war on Serbia and within a week all the Great Powers were drawn in to the conflict.

Q) Explain the reasons why the war in Europe spread so quickly in 1914?

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Exercise 6

Trench Warfare

In the winter the troops froze and in the summer the stench was almost unbearable.

Q) Describe the problems faced by British soldiers on the Western Front.

(6)

Exercise 7

The Home Front

The war gave women their first taste of freedom and independence.

Q) Explain the reasons why the First World War resulted in changing attitudes towards women in Britain?

(5)

Exercise 8

The Home Front (2)

In 1917 food supplies were dangerously low and the government was forced to take action.

Q) Describe the steps the government took to prevent serious food shortages in Britain in 1917?

Exercise 9

The Treaty of Versailles

The Treaty of Versailles did not totally please everyone – neither the victors nor the vanquished.

Q) Explain the reasons why the ‘Big 3’ countries had their doubts about the Treaty of Versailles?

Exercise 10

The League of Nations

The League attempted to persuade all countries to reduce their military forces.

Q) Describe the success of the League of Nations in its attempt to bring about international disarmament in the 1920's?