WORLD WAR ONE (WWI)

Timeline

- Jun 28th 1914 Archduke Franz Ferdinand murdered
- Jul 28th, 1914. Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia, WWI begins.
- Aug 4th 1914 Britain declares war on Germany
- Jul 1st 1916 Start of the Battle of the Somme
- Apr 6th 1917 The US declare war on Germany
- Mar 21st 1918 Germany begins final offensive of the war.
- Sep 26th 1918 Allied forces begin final offensive of the war.
- Nov 11th 1918 Germany signs the Armistice ending World War I.

Causes of WWI

- Alliances
- Unhappy rulers
- Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
- Treaties
- Greed
- Power
- relationships

Life in a WWI trench

- long narrow ditches dug into the ground
- Trenches stretched for thousands of miles
- Soldiers lived in these all day and night
- 'No Man's Land'
- Random shelling and sniping
- Muddy and smelly causing many diseases.
- Soldiers in the trenches did not get much sleep

General Facts

- Lasted 4 years, 3 months and 14 days
- Fought on the Western Front in Europe
- First time trenches were used in battle
- Triple Entente (The Allies) were Britain, France, Ireland and Russia
- The Central Powers were Germany and Austria-Hungary.
- Propaganda was used to encourage men to sign up
- Over 8 million soldiers died in WW1,
- WW1 officially ended on June 28, 1919