

Year 6 History Vocabulary Organiser – What was life like in the trenches during WWI?

Vocabulary	Definition
militarism	The belief or desire of a government or people that a country should maintain a strong military capability and be prepared to use it aggressively to defend or promote national interests
nationalism	The aspiration for national independence felt by people under foreign domination
mobilise	To prepare and organize (troops) for active service.
alliance system	A group of nations and/or people that worked together to attack an enemy nation.
Central Powers	The alliance of Germany, Austria–Hungary, Turkey, and Bulgaria during World War I
Allied Powers	The alliance of Great Britain, Russia, France, and later the United States during World War I.
trench warfare	A type of combat in which opposing troops fight from trenches facing each other.
propaganda	Propaganda is a form of communication that is aimed at influencing the attitude of a community toward some cause or position.
trench / trenches	A long, narrow excavation in the ground, the earth from which is thrown up in front to serve as a shelter from enemy fire or attack.
power	The ability to do or act; capability of doing or accomplishing something
treaty / treaties	A formal agreement between two or more states in reference to peace, alliance, commerce, or other international relations.
Treaty of Versailles	A peace document signed at the end of World War I by the Allied powers and Germany
war	A state of armed conflict between different countries or different groups within a country.
peace	A state or period in which there is no war or a war has ended
conflict	A serious disagreement or argument, typically a protracted one.
resolution	A firm decision to do or not to do something.
No-man's-land	Disputed ground between the front lines or trenches of two opposing armies.
soldier	A person who serves in an army.
Archduke Franz Ferdinand	Archduke Franz Ferdinand (18 December 1863 – 28 June 1914) heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary. His assassination in Sarajevo is considered the most immediate cause of World War I
Armistice	An agreement made by opposing sides in a war to stop fighting for a certain time; a truce.