

# WWI [aka the Great War or the war to end all wars]

## What started the war?

28jun14 Archduke Ferdinand of Austria [& prince of Hungary] was assassinated by a Serbian nationalist. Austria-Hungary did not expect Russia to aid Serbia, but asked Germany to be their ally if they did. Then Austria-Hungary gave Serbia an ultimatum, which they mostly complied, but Austria-Hungary attacked in hopes of regaining the land lost in the Balkan War. Guess what...Russia stepped in, so Germany had to step in. France had a treaty with Russia so they joined the alliance. Germany attacked Belgium. Britain had a treaty with France & Belgium so they joined the alliance. And with Britain came the entire British Empire [Canada, India, Australia, New Zealand & South Africa]. And Japan had a treaty with Britain so they joined the Alliance. USA tried to stay out, but would help the Allies with supplies. But the German subs were hindering the supply lines & USA joined the alliance in 1917.

## During the war

22 million Allied troops died & 38 million from Central

## Commanders in Chief

### Allied Forces

King George V of Britain  
Raymond Poincare of France  
Tsar Nicolas II of Russia  
King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy  
Emperor Taisho of Japan  
Woodrow Wilson of USA  
King Peter I of Serbia

### Central Powers

Franz Joseph I of Austria-Hungary  
Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany  
Enver Pasha of Turkey  
Tsar Ferdinand I of Bulgaria

## What ended the war?

The Allied troops out-produced & out-lasting the Central troops & shut off German [Central] supply lines & brought an end of the war. 11nov18 Germany signed an armistice agreement with the Allies & the treaty of Versailles was signed 28jun19.

See: <http://www.todayifoundout.com/index.php/2010/12/what-started-world-war-i/>  
<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/world-war-i-ends>  
<http://www.historynet.com/world-war-i>