

World War I Timeline

1914

- June 28 Franz Ferdinand, Archduke of Austria and heir to Austrian-Hungarian Throne, assassinated by a Serbian separatist
- July 29 Austria attacks Serbia (blaming it for assassination)
- July 31-Aug 4 Russian, Germany, England, and France mobilize and declare war
- September 5-12 First Battle of the Marne (Germany loses, forcing it to fight a two-front war)

1915

- May 7 *Lusitania* sunk

1916

- July-November Battle of the Somme (300,000 deaths with 750,000 more wounded)
- February-December Battle of Verdun (300,000 deaths with 400,000 more wounded)

1917

- January 16 Zimmerman Telegram
- February Germany resumes unrestricted submarine warfare
- March 15 Czar Nicholas II abdicates
- April 6 US declares war on Germany

1918

- January 8 Wilson delivers a speech to Congress on the 14 Points
- March 3 Treaty of Brest-Litovsk
- July 15-20 Second Battle of the Marne (Germany loses, exhausting its forces on the western front)
- November 11 Armistice on western front

1919

- June 28 Treaty of Versailles

Combined casualties: 10 million dead, 20 million wounded