

# *“World War I Primary Source Activity”*

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WWI

**Directions:** Use the following reading guide to take the virtual tour of the history of various events and technology from WWI. Upon Completion You will use Part I as your ‘Ticket in the Door’ (20), Complete the Key Events of WWI in your Note Packet (60), and Cite 5 pieces of Evidence in Personal Journal #2 and #3. Good Luck

## **Part I Ticket in the Door: Trench Warfare: Can You Survive??????**

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**READ** Life in the trenches can be harsh as we have already learned in class. See if you have the decision making skills as a commander to survive when under fire and bring your troops home. 1<sup>st</sup> You are a soldier, make the correct decisions you’ll come home a hero. Make the wrong choices you’ll come home in a box. 2<sup>nd</sup> Do you have what it takes to lead men to victory as a WWI Commander? Find out as your decisions will either bring victory or defeat to your country.

\* [Over the Top](#) Interactive Soldier Experience

\* [Would You Have Made a Good Officer?](#)

Times Died: \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Rank Points: \_\_\_\_\_

**A.** Identify and Assess 3 Decisions which led to your and your men’s survival and success during Trench War.

**B.** Identify and Assess 3 Decision which led to your and your men’s death and destruction during Trench War.

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## **Part II: Key Events and Major Battles of WWI 1914-1918**

Use the Data to Identify 2 Keys to Each Event in Your Packet

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- A. **Eastern Front:** [Battle of Tannenberg](#) in September 1914. Explain what happened to the Russian Forces and how this affected the Western Front.
- B. **Western Front:** [Battle of Marne](#) on Sept. 10, 1914. Explain what happened and how this battle led to Trench War.
- C. **Eastern Front:** [Gallipoli Campaign](#) of 1915. Explain what happened during the disastrous amphibious attack.
- D. **Western Front:** Siege of [Verdun](#) in 1916. Explain why this is the bloodiest battle of WWI and how Verdun became an example of a ‘*War of Attrition*’.
- E. **Western Front:** [Battle of the Somme](#) July 1, 1916. Identify how many British Troops died in the 1<sup>st</sup> hour of the Battle and explain the results of the battle.
- F. **Western Front:** [3<sup>rd</sup> Battle of Ypres](#) Sprint 1917. Describe what happened during the Battle and how this changed warfare forever.
- G. **Global Politics:** [US. Would enter the War](#) on April 6, 1917. Determine 3 Reasons why the United States would declare War on Germany.
- H. **Global Politics:** 2<sup>nd</sup> [Russian Revolution](#) November 1917. How the Germany Military directly lead to the Russian Revolution and how does this help the Germans on the Western Front.
- I. **Western Front:** [Battle of Cambria](#) November 20, 1917. Explain what happened and how this battle would change the history of warfare forever.
- J. **Western Front:** [Battle of Aimens](#) (Scroll #9) August 8, 1918. As part of the Hundred Days Offensive explain what happened and the results for both sides. Bonus: Why is this day sometimes called ‘The Black Day for Germany’?
- K. **Western Front:** [Meusse-Argonne Forest](#) October, 1918. Explain what happened and why this is considered the ‘Bloodiest Battle for the US’ during WWI
- L. **Global Politics:** **German Armistice** Fall of 1918. Watch the [Clip](#) and read [Facts 1-3](#) identify the Time, Date, Location, and Month the WWI Armistice went into effect.

If you need more of a non-visual source you can click here for the [Top 10 Battles of World War I](#). Good Luck!