

The Great War


(WORLD WAR ONE)

- **WHEN DID IT START?**
- **WHEN DID IT END?**
- **WHO FOUGHT THIS WAR?**
- **WHO WON THE WAR?**

- **WHAT IS THE MEANING OF *TRENCH WARFARE*?**

The war fought between July 28, 1914, and November 11, 1918, was known at the time as the Great War (only when the world went to war again in the 1930s and '40s did the earlier conflict become known as the First World War). About ten million soldiers died during this conflict.

...a static war



World War I is known for the extensive system of trenches from which men of both sides fought. Lethal new technologies were unleashed, and for the first time a major war was fought not only on land and on sea but below the sea and in the skies as well.

The two sides were known as the Allies or Entente—consisting primarily of France, Great Britain, Italy (that joined the Allies in 1915), Russia, and later (1917) the United States—and the Central Powers, primarily comprised of Austria-Hungary, Germany, and the Ottoman Empire (Turkey). A number of smaller nations aligned themselves with one side or the other.

The Allies were the victors, as the entry of the United States into the war in 1917 added an additional weight of men and material the Central Powers could not hope to match.