

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will have a basic understanding of the causes and key events of World War One.

Materials and Prep

- Pen or pencil
- Blank paper or notebook
- Access to a computer or library resources (optional)
- No prior knowledge required

Activities

1. Start by watching a short video or reading a brief article about World War One. Take notes on the main causes and key events.
2. Using your notes, create a timeline of the major events leading up to and during World War One. Include important dates and a brief description of each event.
3. Choose one event from your timeline and write a short paragraph explaining its significance in starting or shaping the war.
4. Share your paragraph with a family member or friend, and discuss their thoughts on the event you chose.
5. Finally, reflect on what you have learned and write a brief summary of the main causes and key events of World War One.

Sixth Grade Talking Points

- "World War One was a major conflict that took place from 1914 to 1918."
- "The war was primarily fought between two alliances: the Allies (including countries like France, Britain, and Russia) and the Central Powers (including Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire)."
- "Some of the main causes of the war were militarism, alliances, imperialism, and nationalism."
- "The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary in 1914 was a significant event that triggered the start of the war."
- "Trench warfare was a common feature of the war, with soldiers living and fighting in trenches for long periods of time."
- "The war ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, which imposed harsh conditions on Germany and led to significant political and territorial changes."