Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to understand the causes, key events, and impacts of World War 1.

Materials and Prep

- Pen and paper
- Access to a computer or library for research
- Prior knowledge of basic world history

Activities

1. Research Activity: Have the student conduct research on the causes of World War 1. They should create a timeline or a mind map to visually represent the main causes and how they led to the outbreak of the war.

2. Primary Source Analysis: Provide the student with a selection of primary sources such as letters, photographs, or newspaper articles from World War 1. Ask them to analyze and interpret the sources, considering the perspectives of different individuals involved in the war.

3. Role Play: Divide the student into small groups and assign each group a different country involved in World War 1. Have them research and prepare a short skit or presentation, where they act as diplomats negotiating peace treaties at the end of the war.

4. Artistic Expression: Ask the student to create a piece of artwork that represents a significant event or theme from World War 1. They can choose to paint, draw, or sculpt, and should be prepared to explain their artistic choices.

5. Reflection and Discussion: Engage the student in a reflective discussion about the impacts of World War 1 on society, politics, and technology. Encourage them to share their thoughts and insights, and ask open-ended questions to deepen their understanding.

Talking Points

- "World War 1, also known as the Great War, was a global conflict that took place from 1914 to 1918."
- "The main causes of World War 1 included militarism, alliances, imperialism, and the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary."
- "The war involved many countries, with the major powers being the Allied Powers (including France, Russia, and the United Kingdom) and the Central Powers (including Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire)."
- "Trench warfare was a significant feature of World War 1, with soldiers living and fighting in elaborate systems of trenches."

- "The war resulted in millions of casualties and had a profound impact on the political, social, and technological landscapes of the time."
- "The Treaty of Versailles, signed in 1919, officially ended World War 1 and imposed harsh penalties on Germany, setting the stage for future conflicts."