

World War 1 Time Line

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Time Line of Events for World War I

DATE	EVENT
June, 1914	Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria assassinated - marks beginning of World War 1
July-November 1914	Declarations of war
September 5-9, 1914	Battle of Marne - Allies halt German advance on Paris
September 6-15, 1914	Battle of Masurian Lakes
October 30 - November 14, 1914	Battle of Ypres; Gallipoli Campaigns (until March 22, 1916); Allies try to gain control of Dardanelles Straights
April 22 - May 25, 1915	Second Battle of Ypres; poison gas used for 1st time by Germans
May 7, 1915	German U-boat sinks British liner Lusitania; many civilians, including Americans, drowned
May 22, 1915	Italy joins Allied powers
October 15, 1915	Bulgaria joins central powers
July 1 - November 18, 1915	Battle of Somme; more than 1 million killed; tanks used for 1st time by British
April 6, 1917	United States declares war on Germany
July 31, 1917	Third battle of Ypres (Passchendaele); major British offenses on Western Front
August 8, 1918	Allies offensive on Western Front; Germans forced to retreat
October 24, 1918	Battle of Vittorio Veneto; Italian victory; Austria - Hungary surrenders
November 11, 1918	Germany agrees to armistice ending war; Allies are victors

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