

# World War I



## Brief Description:

World War I (also called The Great War) began in 1914 after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and lasted until 1918. During the conflict, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire (the Central Powers) fought against Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Romania, Japan and the United States (the Allied Powers). Thanks to new military technologies and the horrors of trench warfare, World War I saw unprecedented levels of carnage and destruction. It led to the fall of four great imperial dynasties (in Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey), resulted in the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, and, in its destabilization of European society, laid the groundwork for World War II.

## Topics:

- Causes
- Trench warfare
- Battles
- Treaty of Versailles
- Women's lives
- Daily life
  - Homefront
  - Soldiers
- Notable people
- 1918 influenza pandemic
- Medicine/Technology
- Collapse of empires

## Books at MPL:

### General:

- YA 940.3 Bausum – [Unraveling Freedom: The Battle for Democracy on the Home Front During World War I](#) – Bausum, Ann
- YA 940.3 Freedman – [The War to End All Wars: World War I](#) – Freedman, Russell
- YA 940.3 Hatt – [World War I, 1914-1918](#) – Hatt, Christine
- YA 940.3 Pratt – [World War I](#) – Pratt, Mary
- YA 940.3 World – [World War I](#) – ed. Tara Mann
- YA 940.373 Osborne – [Come On In, America: The United States and World War I](#) – Osborne, Linda

### Specific Topics:

- YA 614.518 Davis – [More Deadly Than War: The Hidden History of the Spanish Flu and the First World War](#) – Davis, Kenneth
- YA 614.518 Marrin – [Very, Very, Very Dreadful: The Influenza Pandemic of 1918](#) – Marrin, Albert
- YA 940.3 Ross – [The Technology of World War I](#) – Ross, Stewart
- YA 940.472 Bascomb – [The Grand Escape: The Greatest Prison Breakout of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century](#) – Bascomb, Neal
- YA 940.485 Ford – [Code Breakers and Spies of World War I](#) – Ford, Jeanne

- YA 940.5 Byers – [The Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations](#) – Byers, Ann

### Biographies:

- YA BIOG Anthology/Hollihan – [In the Fields and the Trenches: The Famous and the Forgotten on the Battlefields of World War I](#) – Hollihan, Kerrie

## AV Materials at MPL:

### DVDs:

- DVD/History – [The First World War: The Complete Series](#)
- DVD/History – [They Shall Not Grow Old](#)

### Books on CD:

- NF Books on CD/Larson – [Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania](#)

## Online Resources:

These links are accessible through our website at [medfordlibrary.org](http://medfordlibrary.org)

### Biography in Context:

- Search the Biography in Context [site](#) for further reading on notable people in the era

### US History in Context

- [World War I and America](#) – Search the US History in Context [site](#) for “World War I” to find this and other links containing articles, primary sources, biographies, and more
- [Women in World War I](#)

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### History Crunch

- Many subtopics on WWI

### First World War

- Multimedia history of WWI, including but not limited to: primary sources, photographs, audio/video, and more
- [Timeline](#)
- [Biographies](#)

### National Archives

- Military records, primary sources, audiovisual materials, educational resources, and more

### Library of Congress

- Posters, recordings, newspapers, sheet music, photographs, and veterans’ stories, as well as publications, exhibitions, educational tools, and research guides related to WWI