

BATTLES OF THE GREAT WAR:

| BATTLE | 1 ST BATTLE OF THE MARNE | TANNENBERG AND MASURIAN LAKES | VERDUN | SOMME | GALLIPOLI | JUTLAND |
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| DATE | SEPT 1914 | END OF AUG. 1914 | FEB – DEC 1916 | JULY 1916 | APR 1915-JAN 1916 | EARLY 1916 |
| LOCATION | Near Paris, France Western Front | East Germany / Russian Border Eastern Front | N.E. France Western Front | N.E. France Western Front | Dardanelles, Ottoman Empire | Off coast of Denmark in North Sea. |
| CENTRAL POWERS | Goal: Follow Schlieffen Plan to take out Paris as quickly as possible to avoid 2 fronts. | Germany, with less men, defend against Russian forces. Led by Paul von Hindenburg (1847-1934) and Gen. Erich Ludendorff (1865-1937) | Germany outnumbers the French 5 to 2 under Gen. Erich von Falkenhayn (1861-1922) Goal: “Bleed French white by virtue of superiority of guns.” One million artillery shells used in one day. | Defend against the allied offensive. | Ottoman Empire defend the water route between Aegean and Black Sea. German’s mine the straits. | German navy Germans develop and use U-boats and rejected warning ships first before attacking... 6 million tons of supplies sunk. |
| ALLIED POWERS | French and British forces attack Germany at a gap forming near the Marne River to stop German advances. “Miracle of the Marne” Taxi Caps convoy troops to the front. | Russia attacks under Aleksandar Vasilievich (1859-1914) who commits suicide on the battle field. 2 nd Army loses despite superior numbers; 100,000 taken POW | Gen. Joseph Joffre (1852-1931) refuses to commit more troops to Verdun. Gen. Henri Philippe Petain (1856-1951) rotates troops 259 of 330 to Verdun, supply trucks pass by every minute. “They shall not pass” | British and French offensive to “Go Over the Top” | British and French Fleets under Vice Admiral Winston Churchill attempt to take the Dardenelles to open up supply route to Russia. | British Navy – Blockade German ports. |
| SIGNIFICANCE | - New technology slowed down the war resulting in trenches (machine gun) - New demands placed on civilians - 2 front war | Russia draws German forces from the western front helping France and Britain. Russia begins to “Bleed to death...” and eventually becomes war weary which leads to revolution. | 800,000 lives lost Vast destruction No real advantage gained by either side Falkenhayn retires in disgrace. | Gained 7 miles at a cost of 600,000 dead “Going over the top would not, could not work.” | Poorly planned and mismanaged Fails to open route to the Russians 1 st large scale amphibious attempt in warfare. | - Inflicted some damage, but avoided decisive outcome because of expense of ships - U-boats anger the United States and other Neutrals |