

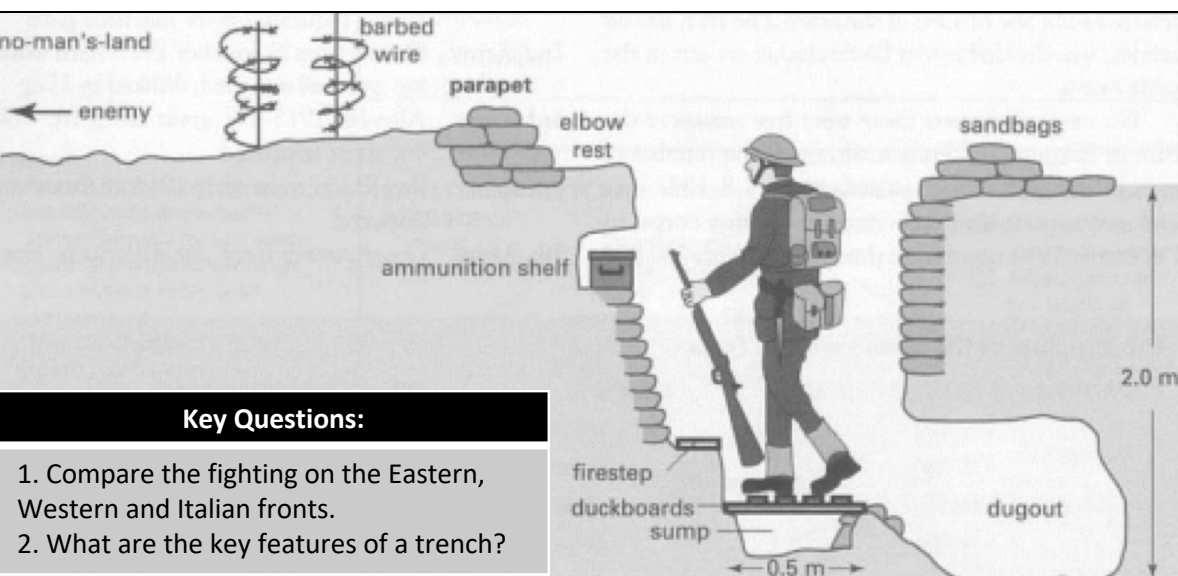
How was the First World War fought?

Century: 20th (1914-1918)

Theatres of war and key terms	
The Eastern Front	The 1600km front between Germany and Russia.
Battle of the Atlantic	German and British ships aimed to blockade each other, both relying on imports.
Gallipoli Campaign	A campaign that took place on the Gallipoli peninsula which was part of the Ottoman Empire (which is now Turkey).
The Western Front	A 400-plus mile stretch of land weaving through France and Belgium from the Swiss border to the North Sea, where fighting took place entrenched.
Fighting in Africa	Many battles were fought in North Africa, mainly between Britain and the Ottomans
The Italian Front	Fighting between Italy and Austria–Hungary along 400 miles.



Problems in the trenches	
Trench foot	The wet and muddy conditions in the trenches caused feet to swell up and go black. The flesh would go rotten and the soldiers would be in terrible pain
Lice	The trenches did not have running water or showers, so soldiers found it very hard to keep clean. They soon became infected with lice that lived on all parts of their bodies
Rats	The dirty conditions and the lack of storage attracted rats to the trenches. The rats ate the soldiers' rations and crawled all over them when they slept.



- 1914 Aug 23 to 30**– Germany defeat Russia at the Battle of Tannenberg
- 1914 Oct 19 –Nov 22** - The Allies defeat the Germans at the First Battle of Ypres.
- 1916 Feb 1- Dec**– The Battle of Verdun begins between France and Germany.
- 1916 Jul 1** – Battle of the Somme
- 1917 Mar 8** - The Russian Revolution begins. Tsar Nicholas II is removed.
- 1918 Mar 21** - Germany launches the Spring Offensive.
- 1919 Jun 28** The Treaty of Versailles is signed by Germany and World War I comes to an end.

- 1914 Sep 5 to 10**– The German army is stopped before Paris by the British and French at the First Battle of the Marne. Trench warfare begins.
- 1915 Feb 4** - The Germans begin to use submarines against Allied merchant ships around the island of Britain.
- 1916 May 31**– The Battle of Jutland, is fought between Britain and Germany in the North Sea.
- 1917 Apr** - United States enters the war, declaring war on Germany.
- 1918 July 15** - The Second Battle of the Marne.
- 1918 Nov 11** - Germany agrees to an armistice and the fighting comes to an end at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.

Key Questions:

1. Compare the fighting on the Eastern, Western and Italian fronts.
2. What are the key features of a trench?