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Trench Warfare Web Quest

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/FWWtrench.htm>



The Trench System

1. Which side the Allies or the Central Powers built the first trenches?
2. Where did the Germans choose to build their trenches? Why?
3. What were the dimensions of the trenches?
4. What is a parapet?
5. What was the purpose of the sandbags on the rear side of the trench?
6. Why weren't trenches dug in straight lines?
7. Draw a basic diagram of a trench and label the following (it does not have to be a Picasso!):
 - a. Parapet
 - b. Parados and sandbags
 - c. Barbed wire
 - d. No Man's land
 - e. Funk Holes
 - f. dug-outs



Life in the Trenches: Trench Foot

1. What is trench foot?
2. What could happen if your foot wasn't treated?
3. What are some remedies for trench foot?

Life in the Trenches: Body Lice

1. What was the "preferred" method of delousing?
2. What was Trench Fever and how was it caused?



Life in the Trenches: Rats

1. Why were the trenches prime breeding grounds for rats?
2. What about the rats did the soldiers find so revolting?



3. How did soldiers get rid of the rats?



Life in the Trenches: Dysentery

1. What is Dysentery and how do you contract it?
2. What did a latrine look like in the trenches?



Life in the Trenches: Food

1. What kinds of food did the soldiers on the Western Front eat?



2. What did Richard Beasley say about the food in the trenches v. the food in training camp?

Life in the Trenches: Shellshock

1. What were the symptoms of shellshock? What caused shellshock?

Life in the Trenches: Poison Gases

1. What happened to the French in April 1915?
2. How was gas launched to the enemies?
3. What mistake did the British make when launching a gas attack in September 1915?
4. How did the Allied troops prepare for gas attacks?



5. WWI is said to have been a chemical warfare testing ground. Name five poison gases used during WWI.

6. What is phosgene? Be specific.



Trench Warfare: Mustard Gas

1. With what chemical did the Germans take the lead with in the chemical war in 1917? Why was this chemical deceiving? What were some side effects?

Important Battles of the First World War : For each battle, list the date, who won, and why it is significant.

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/FWWbattles.htm>

First Battle of the Marne (1914):

Gallipoli Campaign:

Verdun:

Somme:

Second Battle of the Marne (1918):

At the age of 92, Arthur Savage was asked about his memories of life on the Western Front...

"My memories are of sheer terror and the horror of seeing men sobbing because they had trench foot that had turned gangrenous. They knew they were going to lose a leg. Memories of lice in your clothing driving you crazy. Filth and lack of privacy. Of huge rats that showed no fear of you as they stole your food rations. And cold deep wet mud everywhere. And of course, corpses. I'd never seen a dead body before I went to war. But in the trenches the dead are lying all around you. You could be talking to the fellow next to you when suddenly he'd be hit by a sniper and fall dead beside you. And there he'd stay for days."