

TELL ME WHY

Events of WWI

This revision activity works best if you do it with a friend, and talk about it as you do it.

Print off and cut out the cards below and place them face down. Turning over each in turn, explain why it happened, giving as many reasons as you can to explain each statement.

The Schlieffen Plan failed	The 'race to the sea' failed to outflank the enemy	Attempts to 'break through' failed
The Flanders region became a swamp	Commanders decided that only attrition would win the war	Battles were 'horror piled on reeking horror'
The soldiers used periscopes	Both sides conducted trench raids	Enfilading fire was so dangerous
Working-class soldiers put on weight	Some men found the war an exciting and fulfilling time	It was difficult for the British forces to 'bite and hold'
Some men managed to study correspondence courses at the Front	The men respected their officers	The British fought the Battle of the Somme in July 1916
Exploding the mines at 7.28 a.m. on 1 July 1916 was a mistake	The British army suffered 55,000 casualties on 1 July 1916	Haig continued much-the-same tactics at the Somme from July until November 1916
Haig is often called 'the Butcher of the Somme'	Haig at first thought 1 July 1916 had been a success	Haig ordered his men to WALK towards the German trenches on 1 July 1916
Gas was not a war-winning weapon in the First World War	Tanks were not a war-winning weapon in the First World War	Aeroplanes were not a war-winning weapon in the First World War