

Europe Plunges into War

Activity

Part A: Answer from Notes

What was trench warfare?

- Trench warfare is a type of fighting where both sides build deep trenches as a defense against the enemy.
- These trenches can stretch for many miles and make it nearly impossible for one side to advance.

Did trench warfare work?

- Trench warfare was ineffective because it resulted in huge losses of lives for small territorial gains.

Part B: Answer from Notes

How did soldiers feel at the beginning of the war?

- They marched off to war happily because they were convinced the war would be short.

Why was the First Battle of the Marne the single most important event of the war?

- The defeat of the Germans destroyed their initial battle strategy.
- The Germans could not count on a quick victory in the west, which meant the war would be long and the outcome uncertain.

What new equipment was used in World War I?

- machine guns
- poison gas
- armored tanks
- larger artillery
- airplanes
- submarines

What effect did the new equipment have?

- It killed more people faster, but it did not produce a quick war.

What characterized the war on both the Western Front and the Eastern Front?

➤ slaughter and stalemate

Define Stalemate

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