

WWI - Trench Warfare Webquest

Directions: Use the links for each section to answer all questions.

The Trench System

<http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWtrenchsystem.htm>

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?

Life in the Trenches: Dysentery

<http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWdysentery.htm>

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

Life in the Trenches: Food

<http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWtrenchfood.htm>

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

<http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWshellshock.htm>

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

Life in the Trenches: Gas Attacks/Poison Gases

<http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWgas.htm>

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 3 poison gases used during WWI & DESCRIBE what they did to those who came in contact.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

Life in the Trenches: Trench Foot

<http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWfoot.htm>

Warning: This one is pretty gross

1. What is trench foot?
2. What could happen if your foot wasn't treated?

3. What are some remedies (ways to help heal) for trench foot?

Life in the Trenches: Body Lice

<http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWlice.htm>

1. What was the “preferred” method of delousing (getting rid of lice)?
2. What was Trench Fever and how was it caused?

Life in the Trenches: Trench Rats

<http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWrats.htm>

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

Trench Warfare: Mustard Gas

<http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWmustard.htm>

1. With what chemical did the Germans take the lead (be the first to) within the chemical war in 1917?
2. Why was this chemical deceiving?
3. What were some of the side effects?

Important Battles of the First World War

1. **Marne (1914)** - <http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWmarne.htm>
 - a. Where did this battle take place?
 - b. How many soldiers died?
 - c. What was the most important consequence of the battle?

2. Verdun: <http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWverdun.htm>

- a. Where did this battle take place?
- b. How many German troops died?
- c. How many French troops died?

3. Somme: <http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWsomme.htm>

- a. Where did this battle take place?
- b. What does David Lloyd George say about General Haig? (How he didn't understand modern warfare)
- c. How many British Casualties? (Deaths)
- d. How many French Casualties?
- e. How many German Casualties?

4. Second Battle of the Marne (1918): <http://spartacus-educational.com/FWWmarne2.htm>

- a. Where did this battle take place?
- b. How many French casualties?
- c. How many American casualties?
- d. How many German casualties?
- e. Why was this battle significant for the Germans?