

# PRIMARY WORLD WAR I RESOURCES

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Eight 40 minute curricular lessons based around the *CBBC Operation Ouch! World War I Special* film suitable for 7-11 year olds.

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### Introduction

It has been over 100 years since the start of World War I (WWI). To mark the Centenary, the British Red Cross has created a suite of eight primary lesson plans which support a CBBC 'Operation Ouch WWI special' film. The suite of session plans includes classroom activities and discussion ideas, linked to the film. The lesson plans encourage pupils to understand, conceptualise and reflect on the impact of armed conflict from a humanitarian perspective. Each 40 minute lesson plan is linked to a specific area of the curriculum for 7-11 year olds.

### Background to Learning

The First World War began in August 1914. Fighting ended by agreement - a truce or armistice – on 11 November 1918. The official end of the war didn't come until 'The Treaty of Versailles', which was signed in June 1919.

It is sometimes called World War I, or just shortened to WWI. Another name is the Great War – signifying what a massive upheaval it was and how many soldiers and countries were involved.

The sides opposing each other were:

- > the Entente powers, or Allies, including the UK and Commonwealth countries, France, Russia, Japan and later the US, and
- > the Central powers, including Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey, or more accurately the Ottoman empire.
- > It is estimated that around 10 million soldiers and 7 million civilians died. Around 20 million were wounded. Disease caused a large proportion of the deaths.

### The Red Cross

Between 1914 and 1918 90,000 volunteers gave their time and skills to help the sick and wounded. The Red Cross did everything from nursing and air raid duty to searching for missing people and transporting the wounded. Learn more about the work of the Red Cross during WWI here: [www.redcross.org.uk/About-us/Who-we-are/History-and-origin/First-World-War](http://www.redcross.org.uk/About-us/Who-we-are/History-and-origin/First-World-War)

### Display board

Throughout the lessons, pupils will be creating artwork and poems and other pieces of work linked to WWI. Why not set up a display board now that children can add to through the coming weeks?