

Weapons of WWI-Webquest

Directions:

1. Click on the following websites to find information on the new weapons used during WWI and how they affected the outcome of the war. Record your answers on this sheet of paper. ***Summarize in your own words do not copy word for word.**
2. If you get stuck finding an answer, press the *control* key and the *F* key at the same time, and type in a word or phrase you are looking for.
3. Once you have finished the webquest you will create a thinking map and respond to a short writing prompt

Section One: The Machine Gun

<http://www.firstworldwar.com/weaponry/machineguns.htm>

- 1.) How many rounds (bullets) could the early machine gun fire per minute? How did this change by the end of the war?
- 2.) A single machine gun was worth how many rifles? Why?
- 3.) How effective was the machine gun as a defensive weapon?
- 4.) What about as an offensive weapon?
- 5.) What new machines were armed with the machine gun?

Section Two: The Airplane

<http://www.acepilots.com/wwi/main.html>

- 1.) What were WWI airplanes made of and how fast could they go?
- 2.) What were airplanes first used for? How about later on?
- 3.) Why were they unsafe?
- 4.) Who was the leading “ace” of the war? How many “kills”?
- 5.) How did the numbers of planes produced compare?
- 6.) What advantages did the German pilots have?

Section Three: Poison Gas

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/world-war-one/the-western-front-in-world-war-one/poison-gas-and-world-war-one/>

- 1.) What is poison gas and what were its effects if used as a weapon?
- 2.) Who is commonly thought to be the first to use gas? Who actually did?
- 3.) What was the purpose of using poison gas?
- 4.) Describe what mustard gas does to the human body.,,
- 5.) What methods could you use to protect yourself?
- 6.) Do you think poison gas an effective weapon? Do you think is wrong to use it? Why or why not?

Section Four: The Tank

<http://www.firstworldwar.com/weaponry/tanks.htm>

- 1.) Describe how and from what the tank developed...
- 2.) What happened when the tanks were first used in battle? How did people feel about them?
- 3.) How did the tank finally have success and what benefits did it provide?
- 4.) Where did the name tank come from?
- 5.) How did the feelings about the tank and its production numbers differ from country to country?

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Section Five: The U-Boat

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U-boat>

- 1.) What is a U-boat? Describe what it does...
- 2.) What were the two primary uses of the U-Boat in WWI?
- 3.) How many U-boats did Germany have at the beginning of WWI?
- 4.) How many tons of ships did the U-boats sink between October 1916 and January 1917?
- 5.) What is unrestricted submarine warfare?
- 6.) How did the Allies defend against U-boats?

Additional Information:

It is up to you to find the following answers.

1. Many soldiers in WWI were very young, what would be an advantage of recruiting young men to fight?
2. Define Schlieffen's Plan.
3. In one paragraph describe Trench Warfare.