**World War I** also known as the **Great War**, or the **War to End All Wars** was a [global war](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_war) originating in [Europe](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Europe) that lasted from 28 July 1914 to 11 November 1918. Over nine million combatants and seven million civilians died as a result of the war (including the victims of a number of genocides). It was one of the deadliest conflicts in history, and paved the way for major political changes, including revolutions in many of the nations involved. The war broke out between the Central Powers—mainly Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey—against the Allies—mainly France, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, Japan, and, from 1917, the United States. It ended with the defeat of the Central Powers. By the end of the war or soon after, national borders were redrawn.