

July - The Battle of Passchendaele begins.
Oct - American troops arrive in France and have their first action on the Western front.
17th December - Russia signs a ceasefire and leaves the war.

Feb - German u-boats blockade Britain and stop supply ships.
March - The battle of Gallipoli begins.
May - German airships called Zeppelins bomb London.

Jan - All single men aged between 18-41 in Britain have to fight in the war.
Feb - The battle of Verdun begins which lasts 10 months.
31st May - The Battle of Jutland begins (the biggest naval battle of the war).

1st July - The Battle of the Somme begins. British forces lose 57,000 soldiers on day one.
Sept - Tanks used for the first time at the Somme.

28th June - Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria is killed in Sarajevo.
28th July - Russia declares war on Austria-Hungary.
Aug - Germany declares war on France, Russia and Belgium. Britain declares war on Germany.

March - Tsar overthrown in Russia.
April - America declares war on Germany.
April - Food supplies in Britain start to run low.

Feb - Food rationing begins in Britain.
April - The Royal Air Force (RAF) is formed.
15th July - The second battle of Marne begins. The allied forces win.

Sept - The Battle of Marne. Both sides reach stalemate and start to dig trenches.
October - First battle of Ypres. More than 100,000 soldiers killed.
24th Dec - Soldiers from both sides stop fighting over Christmas.

7th May - A German submarine sinks The Lusitania, a British cruise ship. Over 1000 passengers are killed.
Winter - Women take over men's jobs for the war effort and begin to make munitions in factories.

Oct - The German army starts to retreat.
11th Nov - Armistice. The fighting ends at 11am.
Dec - Women over 30 are allowed to vote for the first time.