**1914 Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[What happened in the first year of World War One in 1914? - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/modern-history/mod-wwi-1914-reading/)

1. In which year did World War One begin?
2. Who was assassinated on June 28th, 1914, which is considered the trigger for the start of World War One?
3. In which city was Franz Ferdinand assassinated?
4. Who was responsible for the assassination of Franz Ferdinand?
5. On what date did Austria-Hungary declare war on Serbia following the assassination?
6. Which country was the first to declare war after the assassination of Franz Ferdinand?
7. Why did the United Kingdom declare war on Germany?
8. What was the main goal of the Schlieffen Plan?
9. Where did the Battle of Tannenberg take place?
10. What was the outcome of the Battle of Tannenberg?
11. What atrocities did the German army commit in Belgium?
12. Which battle was fought between September sixth and ninth and ended in a draw but was considered a victory for the Allies?
13. What was the 'Race to the Sea'?
14. Which battle marked the end of rapid advances across open ground due to the high death toll from new industrial weapons?
15. What type of warfare became the norm after the First Battle of Ypres?
16. Describe the 'Christmas Truce'.
17. How long was the Christmas Truce supposed to last?
18. By the end of 1914, was the war expected to be a short conflict or a long, grinding battle?
19. How many more years of fighting occurred after 1914 before the war ended?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt in your reading, answer the question below in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*In your opinion, which event was the most* [*significant*](https://www.historyskills.com/historical-knowledge/significance/) *in 1914?*