

# Weapons of World War I

Please read through [Link 1](#) and answer the following questions:

1. How many bullets per minute could a machine gun fire at the beginning of World War I (W.W.I)?
2. Describe three problems with early machine guns.
  - a.)
  - b.)
  - c.)
3. At first, what did the British military think of machine guns?
4. For what type of warfare was the machine gun best used at the beginning of W.W.I?
5. To what other weapons were machine guns adapted during this conflict?
6. Describe four different models of machine guns developed during W.W.I.
  - a.)
  - b.)
  - c.)
  - d.)

Please read through [Link 2](#) and answer the following questions:

7. Why weren't submarines used extensively prior to W.W.I?
8. How did Germany begin using submarines in February, 1915?
9. How many merchant ships did Germany sink using this strategy?

10. Read the “Diary of a U-boat Commander” to a fellow “weapons expert.”

Please read through [Link 3](#) and answer the following questions:

11. From which part(s) of the boat could a UC 44 Class U-boat fire torpedoes?

12. Approximately how many U-boats were in the German Submarine Command in 1917?

13. What caused the “great naval build-up” preceding the Great War to have been perhaps the “most monumental waste of money of all time?”

14. What caused Germany to stop sinking Allied shipping on August 3, 1915?

15. What caused Germany to resume U-boat attacks on Allied shipping in March, 1916?

16. Why did the United States declare war against Germany in April, 1917?

17. How did the Allies counter the threat posed by German U-boats?

18. How did the German government attempt to warn prospective passengers of H.M.S. Lusitania?

19. Why did a German U-boat sink the H.M.S. Lusitania?

Please read through [Link 4](#) and answer the following questions:

20. Why was poison gas a “crude” weapon?

21. Describe the types of gas used in W.W.I.

22. Which countries used gas? To what extent was it used?

23. Read “Over the Top” to a fellow “weapons expert.”

24. Who were “Tommy” and “Fritz?”

Please read through [Link 5](#) and answer the following questions:

25. From what materials were the airplanes of W.W.I constructed?
26. What was the life expectancy of a W.W.I pilot?
27. Why did pilots wear silk scarves?
28. Read "Death of an Air Ace" to yourself.
29. What caused the development of fighter airplanes?

Please read through [Link 6](#) and answer the following questions:

30. When were tanks first used in warfare?
31. How did the British react to Frederick Simms' tank in 1899?
32. Which two future British Prime Ministers witnessed the demonstration of the Killen-Strait Armoured Tractor in June, 1915?
33. Why did the British call these vehicles "tanks?"
34. What problems did tanks encounter on the battlefield?
35. Describe the first successful battlefield use of tanks by the British.
36. Describe the first tank versus tank battle.
37. How did General John Monash use tanks in battle?
38. How many tanks were produced by each of the various nations at war?
39. How did tanks help overcome the stalemate of trench warfare?