

# World War One

## By Numbers

1. Give students the hints either printed and cut out or on the whiteboard.
2. Ask them to match the hints with the numbers.
3. Give students an opportunity to discuss the numbers.
4. Assign them the follow-on questions in class or as a homework activity.



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1. Which country lost the most soldiers in World War One?
2. Which country lost the highest percentage of soldiers who signed up?
3. What three figures surprise you and why?
4. What can we infer about the Battle of the Somme from the numbers killed in one day?
5. Why was 1917 such a significant year?
6. Which figures explain why the USA entered World War One? Explain your answer.
7. What figures could a government use as propaganda to get people to join the war?
8. What figures might a pacifist use after the war to show a war's destructiveness? Explain your answer.



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Number of British soldiers killed the first day of the Somme.	19,240
People killed when German U-boat bombed passenger liner Lusitania.	1,447
Number of Russian servicemen mobilised.	12 million
Number of Americans killed.	117,000



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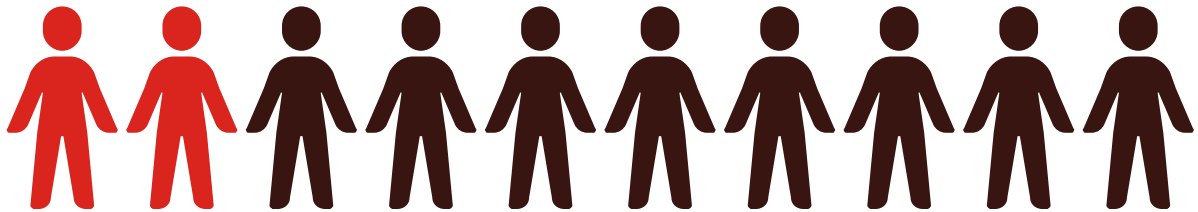
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Number of months the war was expected to last.	5
Number of months the war actually lasted.	51
Total number of soldiers killed at the Somme.	1 million
Number of points in Woodrow Wilson's peace plan.	14

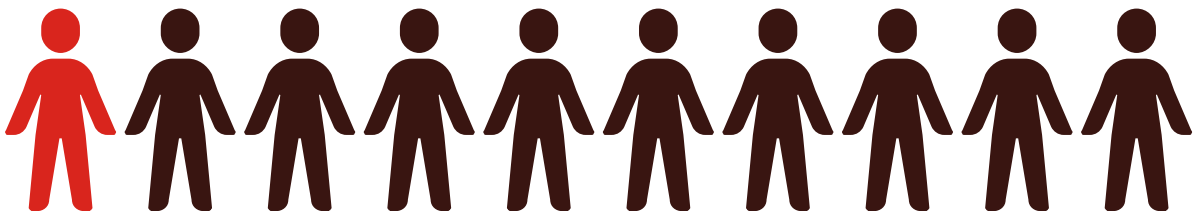




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12 million Russians were mobilised and of that number, 1 in 5 was killed in battle.



2.1 million Americans were mobilised and 117,000 were killed in battle.



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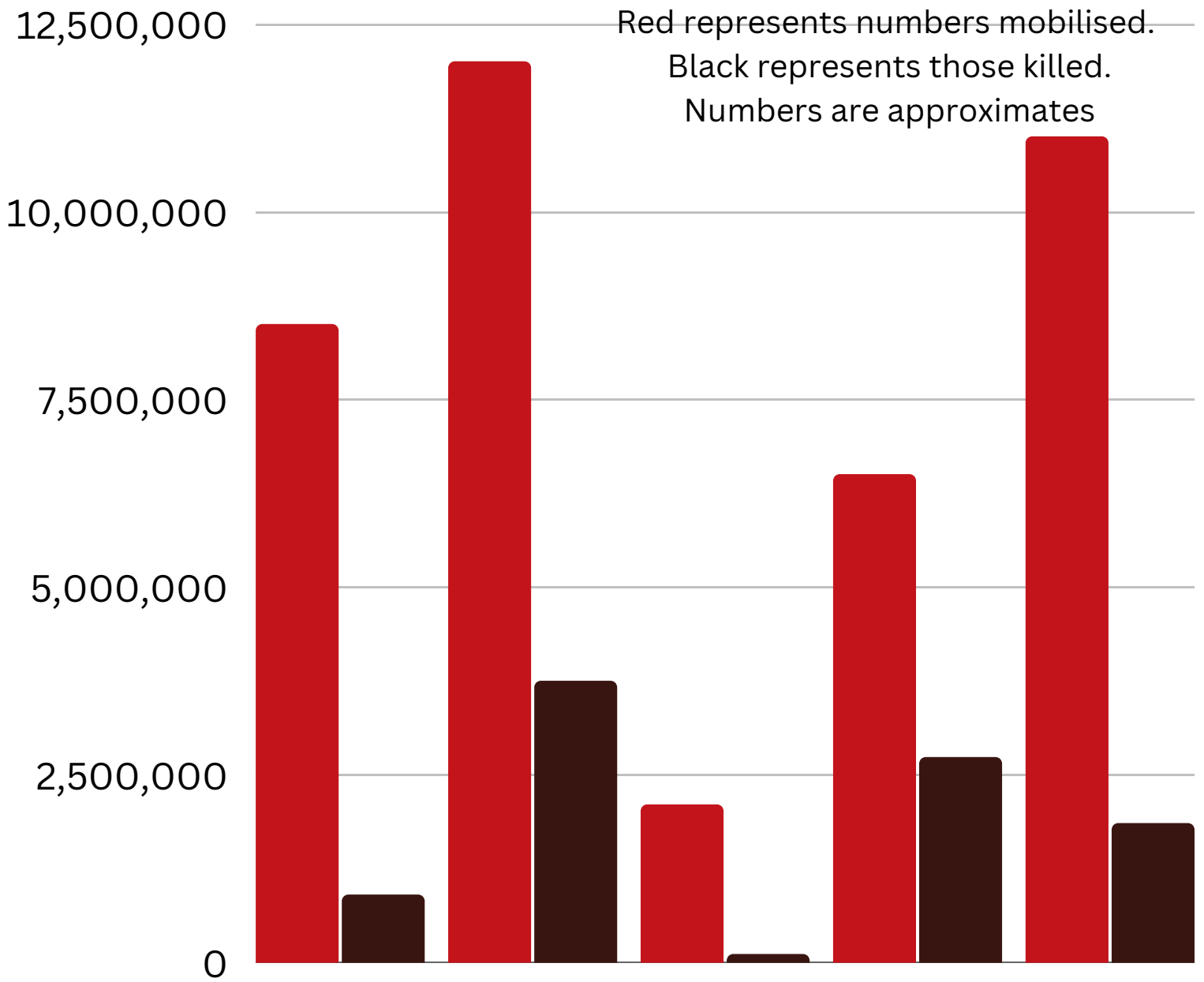


Most of the fighting took place in France.  
Largest area of land conquered by any side  
over the four years of the war was 11km. This is  
represented by the red dot! (works out as less  
than 1% of France's landmass)



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