

Complete the questions and the time line using the animated map, available on my website  the "Websites for 7th Grade" page.

Fighting on the Western Front

What was the Western Front? The Western Front was a series of trenches in Belgium & France where WWI was fought

Where was the Western Front located? Located from the North Sea coast of Belgium southward through France

How long was the Western Front? 700 km

What years did fighting happen there? Winter 1914 to Spring 1918

The Schlieffen Plan... 1914

The Germans wanted to quickly knockout France
The plan called for a sweep through Belgium through France & encircle Paris

The result:

The Germans did get through Belgium but the British met them at Mons
British pushed back to Le Cateau

Battle of the Marne... 1914

British fought against the Germans
The British held the Germans, kept them from reaching Paris
Pushed them back to the Marne River

At this point, the fighting reached a Stalemate, which was followed by 3 years of fighting in trenches

Battle of Verdun... 1916

The symbol of French resistance
Germans v. French
A huge offensive by the Germans

Battle of the Somme... 1916

An offensive battle for the combined forces of French & British
The longest & bloodiest of the war
400,000 French died
350,000 Germans died

TIME LINE