

The War Ends; Causes and Effects

Cause: An event or action that causes something else to happen. It is what lead up to that event or why the event happened. It answers the question "why?"

Effect: An event or action that happened as a result of another event or action. The effect is the outcome of the event or the influence the event had on the world. It answers the question "what happened?"

For most of World War I, there was a stalemate on the Western Front in France and Belgium in which neither side seemed capable of winning the decisive battle that would bring victory.

However, by late 1918, this changed and the Allies (countries like Britain, France and Canada) were able to win the war.

Look at the following list of events and for each state whether they are a cause of the Allies winning, an effect of the Allies winning, or neither (unrelated to the Allies winning).

	Cause, Effect or Neither
1. The U.S. finally joined the war on the side of the Allies, adding a large force of American troops to the Allied side.	
2. Russian citizens, tired of the war, revolt against their emperor and throw him out of power. They then drop out of the war by signing a peace treaty with Germany.	
3. The national debt of Canada increased dramatically to pay for the war.	
4. In April 1918, Germany makes a last ditch attempt to win the war and throws most of its remaining men and supplies into this effort. The Allies repel the attack, leaving the German's tired and with depleted resources.	
5. Income tax is introduced for the first time in Canada to help pay for the war. It becomes permanent part of Canadian life after the war ends.	
6. U.S. President Woodrow Wilson creates a list of 14 points that he wants to see implemented after the war. These include that all countries that want independence should be free and a ban on secret alliances.	
7. Women in Canada are given the right to vote for the first time in the election of 1917.	
8. The Allies begin an offensive known as "The 100 Days". Within 6 weeks, the Allies are able to push Germany out of France and Belgium.	