

## Introduction

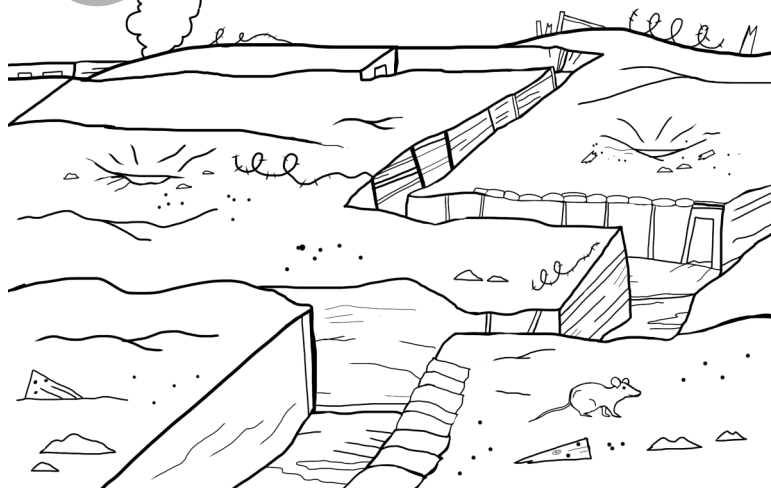
Welcome to Battles of World War I Facts Copywork! In this book, you'll find information about ten key battles of World War I. Each battle unit begins with a short description of the battle. Following that is a key vocabulary word related to the battle or time period that students can copy. Next, students can continue practicing handwriting by copying key facts about the battle. A page is included for students to record additional information about the battle if they wish. I hope you enjoy discovering battles of World War I!



## First Battle of the Marne

The fighting in World War I began in August 1914 as Austria-Hungary, Serbia, Germany, Russia, and France all quickly took sides. German General Helmuth von Moltke made changes to the original plans Germany had for the invasion of France and moved troops through France to within 30 miles (48 km) of Paris. The military governor of Paris, French General Joseph-Simon Gallieni, recognized a possible weakness in the German strategy. He convinced French General Michel-Joseph Maunoury to take his troops and be ready to attack the Germans on September 5, 1914, near the Ourcq River, a tributary of the Marne River.

The Germans under General Alexander von Kluck attacked, forcing the French troops to retreat. On September 6, French General Joseph-Jacques-Césaire Joffre ordered a counterattack on the German troops. On September 7-8, thousands of reserve troops who were in Paris hurried to the battlefield in approximately 600 taxis. On September 8, French General Louis Franchet d'Esperey and his troops made a surprising attack at night. On September 9, the British troops crossed the Marne and moved in between two German armies. The Germans under General Karl von Bülow and followed by those under General Kluck, decided to retreat on September 10, and stopped north of the Aisne River. They dug trenches that marked the beginning of the trench warfare. The trenches remained until the end of the war years later. Both sides had hundreds of thousands of casualties in the battle.



## Vocabulary

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## Facts

1. Date: September 6-12, 1914

2. Place: Ourcq River and Marne River, near Paris, France

3. Allied leaders: Generals

Joseph-Simon Gallieni, Michel-

Joseph Maunoury, Joseph-

Jacques-Césaire Joffre, Louis

Franchet d'Esperey

4. German leaders: Generals

Helmuth von Moltke, Alexander

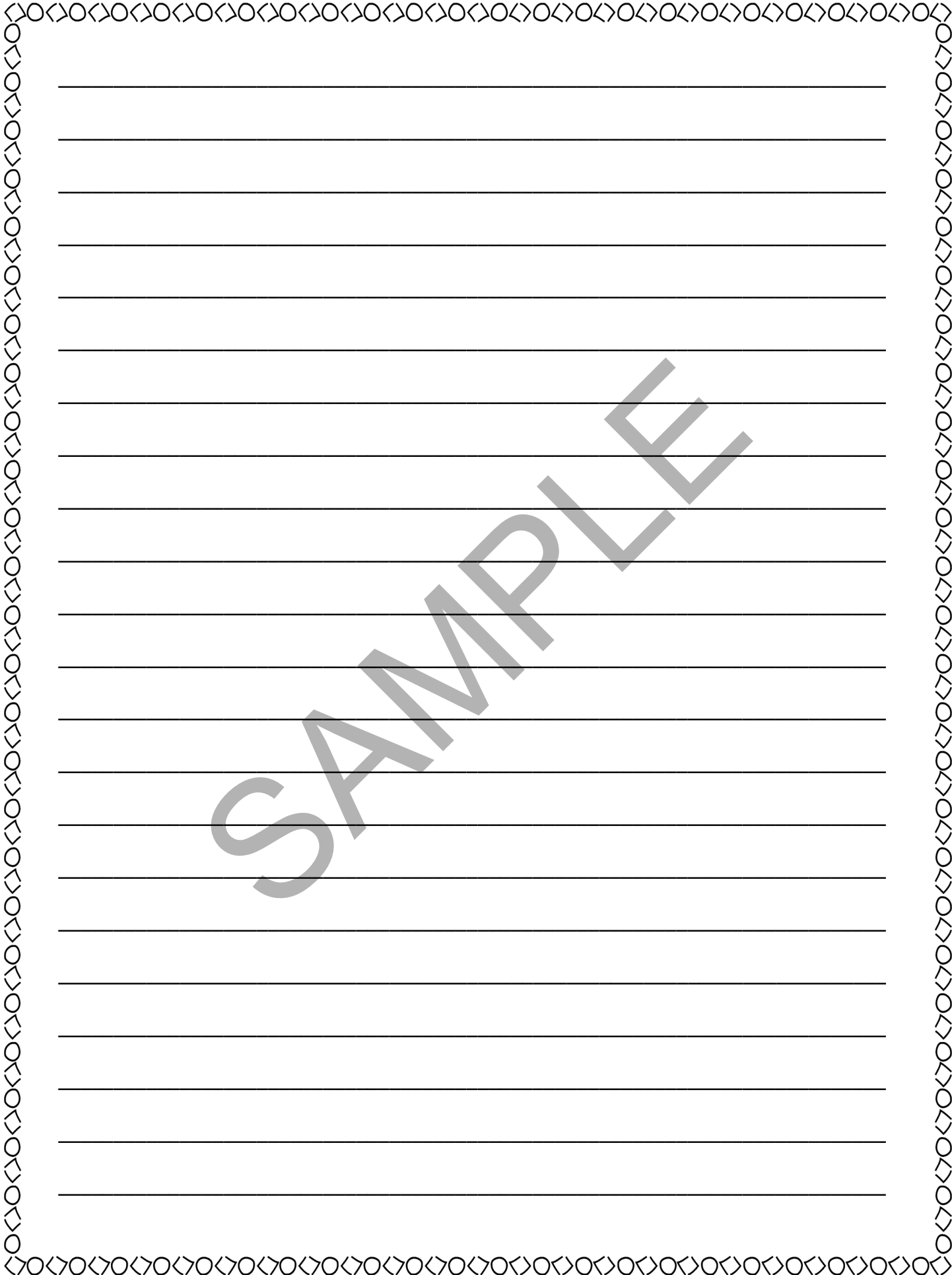
von Kluck, Karl von Bülow

5. Defeated: Germany

6. Victory: Allies

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