



MacArthur Memorial Education Programs

Stalemate Viewing Guide

Directions: Complete the statements and questions below as you view the video *Stalemate*

1. In early September 1914, Parisians gathered at Notre Dame to pray for France as French forces retreated towards Paris. At this point, most people around the world believed that _____ would soon win the war.
2. French General Joseph Joffre gathered forces to create a new 6th army to attack the Germans. Joffre gathered troops for this army from the south of France and from
 - a. France's colonies in Asia
 - b. France's colonies in Africa
 - c. France's colonies in Australia
3. The front line of First Battle of the Marne, the largest battle in the world to date, stretched for _____ miles.
4. In order to quickly move troops to the battlefield, some French soldiers were transported in _____ and _____.
5. True or False. With a gap between the German lines and no reinforcements, the German army had to retreat, or risk being defeated by the Allies.
6. Though the Battle of the Marne saved Paris and the Allies, the number of casualties was high. Casualties on all sides amounted to approximately
 - a. 250,000
 - b. 500,000
 - c. 1,000,000
7. As a result of the Battle of the Marne, both sides fortified their positions by digging _____ along the Western Front.
8. What do you think the word "stalemate" means? What does it mean for the war?
9. How does the stalemate in Europe affect the Middle East? What do you predict will happen next during the war?