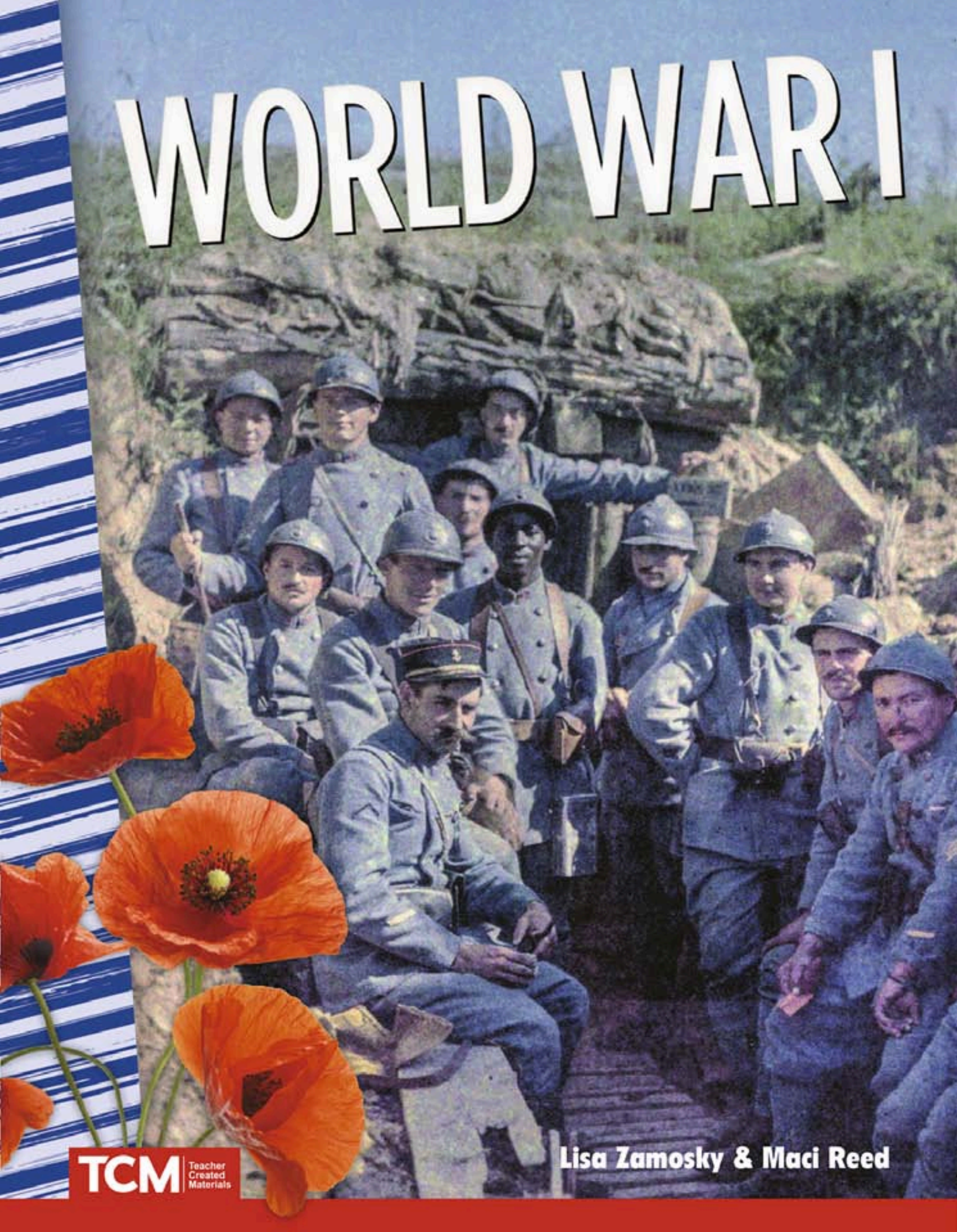


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Reader's Guide

1. What were the Triple Entente and the Triple Alliance?
2. How did events that happened in Bosnia lead to a worldwide war?
3. Explain the similarities and differences of the Eastern Front and the Western Front.
4. How did German attacks on U.S. ships and the Zimmermann Telegram contribute to U.S. leaders' decision to declare war?
5. What effects did World War I have on Europe?
6. Write a play about the Harlem Hellfighters. You may want to include details from before the war, the treatment they received during the war, and how they were treated when they returned home.

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The Great War

In 1914, a war began in Europe. At the time, people called it the Great War. More nations battled in this war than in any other war before it. A total of 65 million soldiers fought over the course of four years. Millions of people died. It is one of the largest human tragedies the world has ever seen. Today, this war is called World War I.

The problems that caused this war had been developing for quite some time. Some European countries were becoming very rich and their populations were growing. As a result, they wanted to take over more land. These countries had large armies and navies. However, they still needed support from other countries. Many countries signed agreements with each other that said they would go to war if one of their allies, or partners, were attacked.

The world was changing. All it would take was one event to send the world to war.



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