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BBC plans 2,500 hours of World War I shows

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THE READING

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The BBC has big plans for the centenary of World War I. It plans to make 2,500 hours of new TV and radio shows. We can see them between 2014 and 2018. This mirrors the one hundred years since the war. The head of the BBC said the programmes are, "a chance for us all to learn something new about a war we think we know well". The BBC said it wants people to understand more about the war. It also wants to tell well-known and untold stories.

World War I (WWI) was mostly in Europe. It began on 28 July 1914 and ended on 11 November 1918. It was called the "Great War" until 1939. Over 9 million soldiers were killed. It is the fifth-deadliest war ever. Over 70 million people fought in it. The United States joined the fighting in 1917. After the war, countries changed and new nations were created. There was a lot of unhappiness in some countries and this was one of the causes of World War II.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-24552194>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The BBC has | a. more about the war |
| 2. the centenary | b. we know well |
| 3. the one hundred years | c. of World War I |
| 4. The head | d. since the war |
| 5. a chance for us all to | e. big plans |
| 6. a war we think | f. of the BBC |
| 7. it wants people to understand | g. and untold stories |
| 8. tell well-known | h. learn something new |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. WWI was | a. fought in it |
| 2. It began | b. in some countries |
| 3. It was called | c. of World War II |
| 4. Over 9 million | d. on 28 July 1914 |
| 5. Over 70 million people | e. fighting in 1917 |
| 6. The United States joined the | f. mostly in Europe |
| 7. There was a lot of unhappiness | g. soldiers were killed |
| 8. one of the causes | h. the "Great War" |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The BBC (1) _____ the centenary of World War I. It plans to make 2,500 (2) _____ and radio shows. We can (3) _____ 2014 and 2018. This mirrors the one hundred years since the war. The head of the BBC said the programmes are, " (4) _____ all to learn something new about a war we (5) _____ ". The BBC said it wants people to understand more about the war. It also wants to tell well-known (6) _____.

World War I (WWI) was (7) _____. It began on 28 July 1914 and ended on 11 November 1918. It was called the "Great War" until 1939. Over 9 (8) _____ killed. It is the (9) _____ war ever. Over 70 million people fought in it. The United States (10) _____ in 1917. After the war, countries changed (11) _____ were created. There was a lot of unhappiness in some countries and this (12) _____ causes of World War II.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
