

## **World War 1 Timeline**

*The timeline includes the real events from World War I referred to in the play.*

*Fictional events from War Horse are in italics.*

### **1912**

*Albert's father buys Joey in an auction*

### **1914**

28 June: Archduke Franz Ferdinand is assassinated

*July: Albert teaches Joey to plough*

28 July: Austria declares war on Serbia

1 August: Germany declares war on Russia

3 August: Germany declares war on France and invades Belgium

4 August: Great Britain declares war on Germany

*Albert's father sells Joey to the British Army and Albert's cousin Billy and other village men enlist in the British Army*

23 August: Germany invades France

*November: Joey arrives in France*

*December: Albert runs away to enlist in the British army and search for Joey*

### **1915**

*March: Albert arrives in France as a British soldier. Joey and Tophorn are captured by the Germans*

### **1916**

15 September: Britain and France use tanks for the first time

*December: Joey and Tophorn are forced to pull artillery guns*

### **1917**

1 February: Germany resumes unrestricted submarine warfare

6 April: The USA declares war on Germany

31 July: Britain launches a major offensive on the Western Front

20 November: British tanks win a victory at Cambrai

### **1918**

8 August: Advance of the Allies is successful

4 October: Germany asks the Allies for an armistice

*November: Joey wanders into 'No Man's Land'*

9 November: Germany's leader, Kaiser William II, abdicates

11 November: Germany signs an armistice ending World War I

*Joey and Albert reunite and head home to Devon*

### **1919**

June 28: Treaty of Versailles is signed between Germany and the Allies

