1914 – 1918

Put the Events in Order

Name _____ Date _____

These 10 events from the World War I timeline are out of order. Write a number from 1 to 10 in each box, from the earliest event (1) to the latest (10).

☐ **Assassination of Franz Ferdinand**
Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, is shot in Sarajevo on June 28, triggering a chain reaction through Europe's alliances.

☐ **Germany's Last Offensive**
Germany launches a massive spring offensive hoping to win before US troops arrive in full force.

☐ **The Armistice**
Fighting stops at 11:00 AM on November 11 — the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

☐ **War Begins**
Germany, Austria-Hungary, and their allies go to war against France, Britain, and Russia in August.

☐ **Battle of the Somme**
A massive Allied offensive on the Somme River in France lasts four months and produces more than a million casualties on both sides.

☐ **Russian Revolution**
Revolution sweeps Russia, the tsar is overthrown, and a new government pulls Russia out of the war in December.

☐ **Allied Advance**
Allied forces drive Germany back across France and Belgium through the summer and fall, breaking through the German lines.

☐ **United States Enters the War**
Germany resumes attacks on American ships and is caught secretly urging Mexico to attack the US. Congress declares war on Germany in April.

☐ **Battle of Verdun**
German and French forces fight for nearly ten months near Verdun, France, in the longest battle of the war.

☐ **Sinking of the Lusitania**
A German submarine sinks the British ocean liner Lusitania in May, killing nearly 1,200 people including 128 Americans.

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