

Get Going

A-1. What strange and wonderful event happened on Christmas Eve at various places on the European war front?

Celebrated Christmas together, and that too without anyone's approval from the higher-ups. This was the strange and wonderful event that happened on Christmas Eve at various places on the European war front.

2. How did the German soldiers begin the Christmas celebrations? How did the British respond?

The Germans began the Christmas celebrations by planting Christmas trees on their front-line trenches and singing "Stille Nacht". The British responded from the other side of the no man's land by singing "The first 'Adeste Fidelis' 'Noel' and 'O come All ye faithful'. The Germans then joined in by singing the Latin version of the song.

3. What game did the English and the German soldiers play?

The English and the German soldiers played football.

131. Why do you think the war reached an impasse by winter?

The war reached an impasse by winter because neither had the two nations reached any agreement nor had one side secured a clear victory over the other.

2. Explain 'one human episode among all the atrocities that have stained the memory of the war'.

It was the first time in history of war that enemy sides joined hands and celebrated together during a truce.

3. What does the line, 'two nations singing the same carol in the middle of the war' tell us about the two armies?

'Two nations singing the same carol in the middle of the war' tell us that even if the soldiers are fighting on opposite sides for political reasons, they cherish similar things. They all want peace not war.

C. Even after the Christmas Truce, World War I continued for four more years. According to you, what can result in true peace in the world? Can truce help resolve conflicts, and bring peace and harmony in the world? What is your opinion on the wars fought in modern times?

According to me, unity can result in true peace in the world. Truces cannot help in resolving conflicts and bring peace or harmony, because truces are the term which means stopping it for a certain ~~time~~ time and then it will again continue. Wars are caused by many reasons like economic gain, territorial gain, nationalistic revenge, religions etc. If we all live with equal wealth, unity, diversity then the wars which are caused in modern times will not happen which will not cause destruction.