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## Get going

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

A- The soldiers celebrated Christmas together and that too, without any 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?

A- 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 Noel' and 'O come All ye Faithful'. The Germans then joined by singing the Latin version of the song.

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

A- The English and the German soldiers played football.

B. Let us read between the lines.

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

A- The war reached an impasse by winter because neither of the two sides had

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reached an agreement ~~not~~ 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.'

A- It was the first time in the 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?

A- The line, 'two nations singing the same carol in the middle of the war' tells us that even if the soldiers are fighting on opposite sides for political reasons, they cherish and desire similar things. They all want peace, not war.