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- Q) Which world war is being talked about here?
Why were the soldiers tired?
Supply the meaning of 'impasse'.

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- a) World War I is being talked here.
The soldiers were tired of the deaths and destructions that claimed many lives.
c) The meaning of 'impasse' is a difficult situation in which there is no way to progress because of the disagreement of people.

Q) Both the Germans and the English 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.

b) The Germans planted Christmas trees on their front-line trenches and sang 'Stille Nacht'. The British responded from the other side by singing 'The First Noel' and 'O Come, All Ye Faithful'. The Germans joined them by singing the Latin version of the song, 'Adeste Fideles'.

c) The war reached an impasse by winter because neither had the two sides reached an agreement.

nor had one side secured a clear victory over the other.

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The message does the writer want to give to the story 'Christmas Truce'.

Ans) The Christmas Truce of 1914 is an incredible testament to what humanity can overcome. In a time when the world was at war - when killing and warfare were the daily occupation of hundreds of thousands of men - those most entrenched in the worst of circumstances decided to take a stand for humanity. The soldiers of 1914 remind us of the choice we all can make: we can see others as humans who matter like we matter - even when they're our enemies. They also show us what can happen when we make that choice; enemies can become friends and at least for a moment, there is peace. Like the soldiers of 1914 we can choose to take a stand for humanity. We can choose to end the plague of dehumanization. We can choose to see others as people who matter like we matter. When we remember this choice, we also realize that we have the ability to make the most of the future. So let's resolve to take a stand for humanity. This is the message of the writer.