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It was 1914, the first year of World War I. The war had reached an impasse by winter. The soldiers on both sides were tired of the deaths and destruction that claimed many lives.

a) Which world war is being talked about here?

Ans- The world war I is being talked about here.

b) Why were the soldiers tired?

Ans- The soldiers were tired of deaths and destruction that claimed many lives.

c) ~~What~~ What is the meaning of 'impasse'?

Ans- The meaning of impasse is a difficult situation in which no progress is possible due to disagreement.

Answer the questions.

1. What strange and wonderful event happened on Christmas Eve?

Ans- The both German and 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 Europe war-front.

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

Ans- The German began the Christmas celebrations by planting Christmas trees on their front line trenches and sang 'Stille Nacht' (Silent Night). 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 in by singing the Latin version of the song, 'Adeste Fideles'.

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

Ans- 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.

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

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