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The Crash Course World History #36 on Archdukes, Cynicism, and World War I provided insight into the events that led to the outbreak of World War I. I learned that the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary in 1914 was the catalyst for the conflict, which eventually involved multiple European nations and led to a global war. The war was fought mainly in trenches, and new weapons such as machine guns, poison gas, and tanks were introduced, resulting in high casualties and harsh conditions for soldiers. The Treaty of Versailles, which ended the war in 1919, placed the blame for the conflict mainly on Germany and Austria-Hungary and imposed heavy reparations on them. This led to bitterness and resentment in Germany, ultimately contributing to the rise of Adolf Hitler and the start of World War II.