



Example of answers Worksheet 4: Mechanisation in World War I

Exercise 1:

Warfare:

- Two-front war
- static warfare with its dugouts was reason for an exhaustion of the soldiers
- no capitulation in sight
- new type of warfare because of new weapons of war
- new arms killed anonymous and mechanical
- weapons of war were align not to kill but to wound the soldiers. Because the wounded needed somebody to look after. One needed medication and medical attendance. This led to a weakening of the enemy.

Technology of war:

- modern warfare material: tanks, heavy artillery, submarines, machine guns, aircraft, toxic gas → mass killing was permitted
- battle of material, because weapons of war and munitions were inserted massive

Exercise 2:

Q1:

- permanent wearing of the gas masks led to dehumanisation of the adversarial soldiers → killing became easier

M1:

- extreme psychological strain through permanent fear of the arms (especially toxic gas because of its invisibility)
- running presence of the wounded and dead men → soldiers became aware of military clout

M2:

- Soldiers became aware of the absurdity of war.