**WWI Knowledge Organiser – Topic 3 – Deadlock on the Western Front**

**6-mark Feature Plans:**

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| **Describe two features of…** | **Feature 1 (+ 2-3 facts)** | **Feature 2 (+ 2-3 facts)** |
| The Schlieffen Plan. | Aim* To avoid a war on two fronts
* Assumed Russia would be slow (6 weeks)
* Attack Paris through Belgium (encircle Paris)
 | Rigidity* No back-up or alternative plan
* Underestimated distances
* BEF + Belgian defence stronger than anticipated (Mons, Marne)
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| The Battle of the Somme. |  |  |
| The Battle of Passchendaele. |  |  |
| Trench warfare. |  |  |
| Tanks in WWI. |  |  |
| The ‘war in the air’. |  |  |
| Allied leadership in WWI. |  |  |

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**Key Individuals**

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| Von Schlieffen | The man who created the Schlieffen Plan. The most senior general in the German army. |
| The Red Baron |  |
| General Haig |  |
| David Lloyd George |  |

**Key Concepts**

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| **Infantry** | Soldiers who fight on foot |
| **Cavalry** | The part of an army that fights on horses |
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**Reasons for the failure of the Schlieffen Plan:**

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| **Changes made to the plan** | Von Moltke reduced the number of troops on the right wing from 85% to 70%. This made the ‘hammer blow’ weaker. |
| **Belgian resistance** |  |
| **BEF actions** |  |
| **Inflexibility** |  |
| **German exhaustion** |  |
| **The Battle of the Marne** |  |

**Key Dates**

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| 4 Aug 1914 | German invasion of Belgium began. |
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