Events Leading to Armistice, 1918

• **Key Question:** What events lead up to the signing of the armistice agreement in 1918?

• **Timeline:** 1918

• **What do we need to know?**
  
  • The war in 1918 - aftermath of Passchendaele, Spring Offensive, Allied Counter-Offensive
  
  • Seeking armistice - problems within Germany, political changes
  
  • Signing of armistice - 11/11/1918
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- Spring Offensive - Germans on brink of victory
- Allied Counter-Offensive - halts and pushes back Germans
- Allies of the Central Powers begin to capitulate - Bulgaria, Turkey, Austria
- Ludendorff and Hindenburg convince Kaiser Wilhelm to arrange an armistice as quickly as possible
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- Within Germany -
  - Ludendorff resigned
  - a new civilian government attempts to reform constitution
  - revolution/counter-revolutions break out in Germany
  - Kaisar abdicates - new republic declared
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11 November, 1918 - ‘eleventh hour, eleventh day, eleventh month’