**Analysis activity 1.1**

Due to the horror and unpredictability of World War I, exact figures of casualties and deaths are difficult to determine. Source 1.2 shows the accepted figures by many historians. Australian figures are included as part of the British Empire but have been added in as a separate listing for interest and comparison.

**Source 1.2** Death and causalities of World War I

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| **Country**  | **Total mobilised forces**  | **Killed**  | **Wounded**  | **Prisoners and missing**  | **Total casualties**  | **Casualties as % of forces**  |
| **Allied and associated powers**  |
| British Empire  | 8 904 467  | 908 371  | 2 090 212  | 191 652  | 3 190 235  | 35.8  |
| Australia  | 416 809  | 61 516  | 155 133  | 4 044  | 220 693  | 64.8  |
| Russia  | 12 000 000  | 1 700 000  | 4 950 000  | 2 500 000  | 9 150 000  | 76.3  |
| France  | 8 410 000  | 1 357 800  | 4 266 000  | 537 000  | 6 160 800  | 73.3  |
| Italy  | 5 615 000  | 650 000  | 947 000  | 600 000  | 2 197 000  | 39.1  |
| United States  | 4 355 000  | 116 516  | 204 002  | 4 500  | 323 018  | 7.1  |
| Japan  | 800 000  | 300  | 907  | 3  | 1 210  | 0.2  |
| Romania  | 750 000  | 335 706  | 120 000  | 80 000  | 535 706  | 71.4  |
| Serbia  | 707 343  | 45 000  | 133 148  | 152 958  | 331 106  | 46.8  |
| Belgium  | 267 000  | 13 716  | 44 686  | 34 659  | 93 061  | 34.9  |
| Greece  | 230 000  | 5 000  | 21 000  | 1 000  | 27 000  | 11.7  |
| Portugal  | 100 000  | 7 222  | 13 751  | 12 318  | 33 291  | 33.3  |
| Montenegro  | 50 000  | 3 000  | 10 000  | 7 000  | 20 000  | 40.0  |
| *Total*  | *42 188 810*  | *5 142 631*  | *12 800 706*  | *4 121 090*  | *22 062 427*  | *52.3*  |
| **Central and associated powers**  |
| Germany  | 11 000 000  | 1 773 700  | 4 216 058  | 1 152 800  | 7 142 558  | 64.9  |
| Austria-Hungary  | 7 800 000  | 1 200 000  | 3 620 000  | 2 200 000  | 7 020 000  | 90.0  |
| Turkey  | 2 850 000  | 325 000  | 400 000  | 250 000  | 975 000  | 34.2  |
| Bulgaria  | 1 200 000  | 87 500  | 152 390  | 27 029  | 266 919  | 22.2  |
| *Total*  | *22 850 000*  | *3 386 200*  | *8 388 448*  | *3 629 829*  | *15 404 477*  | *67.4*  |
| **Grand total**  | **65 038 810**  | **8 528 831**  | **21 189 154**  | **7 750 919**  | **37 466 904**  | **57.5**  |

Source: http://www.pbs.org/greatwar/resources/casdeath\_pop.html

1. Which four countries mobilised the most people to go to the war?

1. Which four countries had the most people killed?

1. Which four countries had the greatest percentage (%) of casualties from their forces (last column)?

1. Why did the United States and Japan have such a low percentage of overall casualties? (You might need to conduct some research to find this answer.)

1. What are four things that you learnt from this table of statistics?