

## Was Gallipoli the right place to attack in 1915?



Westerners – ‘focus on the Western Front’

1. The war in France and Belgium has become bogged down in a stalemate.
2. An attack in the east will force Turkey out of the war.
3. It may force the Germans to move some of their troops from the Western Front to support their ally Turkey.
4. Sending troops to the East will take men away from fighting the Germans on the Western Front.
5. The war can only be won by defeating the vast German Army in France and Belgium.
6. This will give us control of the Mediterranean and Black Sea allowing us to link up with our ally, Russia.
7. The Dardanelles is well protected by a series of forts.
8. It will be hard to supply the army, as Gallipoli is hundreds of miles away from supply depots.
9. The Turkish Army has some of its best troops on the Gallipoli peninsula; 84,000 well-equipped men under a German commander.
10. The German defences along the Western France are incredibly strong with trenches protected by barbed wire, machine guns and artillery.
11. The Royal Navy is a great fighting force and will be able to force its way through the Dardanelles.
12. It is easier to supply the British Army in France and Belgium with weapons, equipment and reinforcements.



Easterners – ‘attack Turkey’

Why it would be better to attack on the Western Front	Why it would be a good idea to attack Turkey through the Dardanelles
Why would it be a mistake to attack in the Dardanelles	Why it would be a mistake to keep attacking on the Western Front