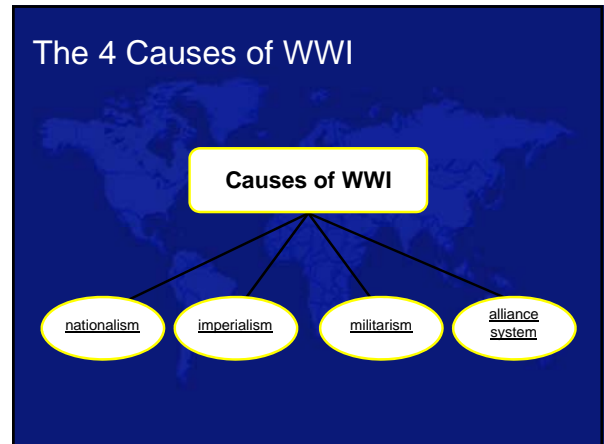




## World War I

Beginning of the War  
War in Europe  
War Affects the World  
The Peace Treaty



## Causes of WWI

- The 4 Causes of WWI
  - Nationalism
    - \* devotion to the interests & culture of one's nation
  - Imperialism
    - \* extension of a countries economic & political power over other nations

## Cause of WWI Cont.



- Alliance System
  - Triple Entente (Allies) = France, Britain, & Russia
  - Triple Alliance = Germany, Austria-Hungary, & Turkey
- Militarism
  - \* development of armed forces & their use as a tool of diplomacy



## Strengths of Each Side:

### Triple Entente Resources in 1914

Country	Population	Soldiers	Battleships	Foreign Trade (£)	Steel Production (tons)
Great Britain	46,407,037	711,000	57	1,223,152,000	6,903,000
France	39,601,509	3,500,000	19	424,000,000	4,333,000
Russia	167,000,000	4,423,000	4	190,247,000	4,416,000

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Triple Alliance Resources in 1914

Country	Population	Soldiers	Battleships	Foreign Trade (£)	Steel Production (tons)
Germany	65,000,000	8,500,000	37	1,030,380,000	17,024,000
Austro-Hungary	49,882,231	3,000,000	16	198,712,000	2,642,000
Turkey	21,373,900	360,000	-	67,472,000	-

## Assassination Leads to War



- June of 1914, Heir to the Austrian throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, is killed while visiting Sarajevo (the Bosnian capital)
  - \* killed by Gavrilo Princip = member of the Black Hand
  - \* 1 week later, A-H declares war on Serbia
  - \* sets off a domino effect of entry into the war



## Alliances During WWI

### Allies

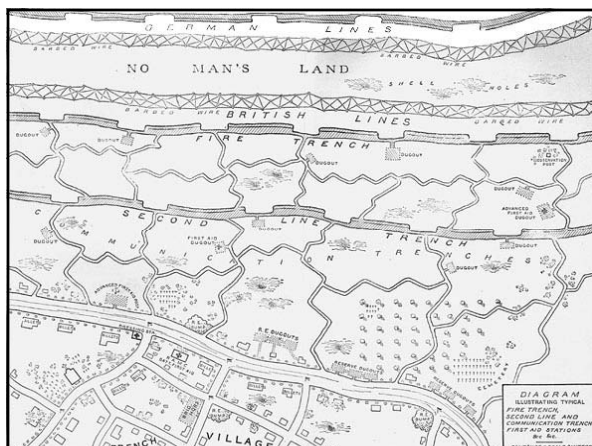
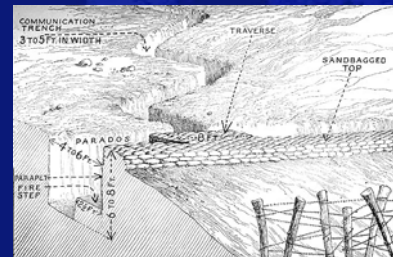
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- Belgium
- British Colonies
- Canada
- France
- Great Britain
- Greece
- India
- Italy
- New Zealand
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Serbia
- South Africa
- U.S.
- Japan

### Central Powers

- Austria-Hungary
- Bulgaria
- Germany
- Ottoman Empire

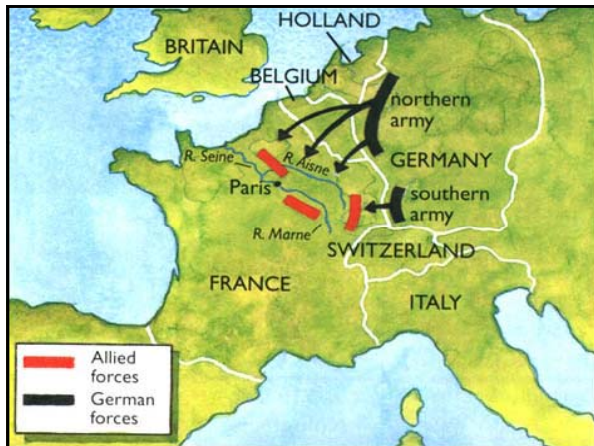
## Trench Warfare

- Military operates in which the opposing forces attack & counterattack from systems of fortified ditches rather than on an open battlefield



## Schlieffen Plan

- Germany's plan to invade France through Belgium
- German forces divided into northern & southern armies
- Hold Germany on the eastern front and invade Belgium, then France, from the western front
- After the defeat of France, Germany would focus it's attention on Russia



### Western Front

- deadlocked region in northern France

### Eastern Front

- stretch of battlefield along the German & Russian border



### New Weapons of WWI

- Machine Gun:
  - used in previous wars but now could fire 600 rounds per minute
- Airplanes:
  - flimsy at first
  - pilots had to carry pistols to shoot down other planes
  - mounted machine guns on the front = problem: kept hitting propeller
  - Germans introduced an interrupter gear (permitted bullets to pass through propeller)
- 2 most innovative weapons of WWI



Albatros DI - DVA (Germany).

'1917 Sopwith Pup Fighter Biplane'

Siemens-Schuckert (Germany) biplane

### Other Important Weapons

- Airships:
  - zeppelins
- Antiaircraft Guns
- Poison Gas:
  - yellow-green chlorine fog = sickened, suffocated, burned, & blinded victims
- Gas Masks
- Tanks
- Balloons: look out, scouts



## The U.S. Enters the War

- Germany Responds
  - Unrestricted Submarine Warfare
  - U-boats sink any ship found near Britain
  - Germany sinks the Lusitania = 1,192 killed (128 Americans killed)
  - Germany's reason = Lusitania was carrying ammunition
  - Sinking of the Sussex = draws U.S. closer to war

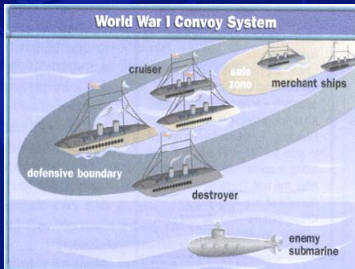


## Turning the Tide

- What should the U.S. do about this problem?
  - Convoy System = a heavy guard of destroyers escorted merchant ships back & forth across the Atlantic in groups



### World War I Convoy System



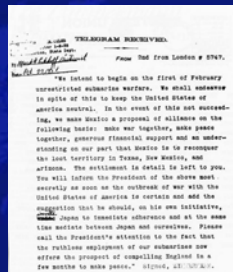
## Turning the Tide

- Other measures the U.S. took:
  - helped lay 230 mile barrier of mines across the North Sea from Scotland to Norway



- Zimmerman Note = telegram from Germany to Mexico promising to back Mexico if U.S. entered the war

- Germany would help Mexico regain lost land



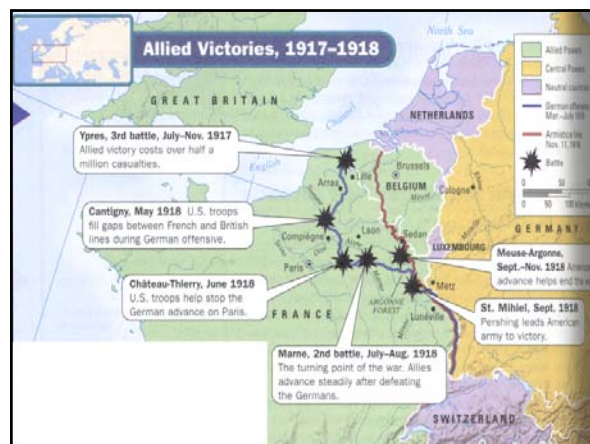
## War Affects the U.S.

- Total War – countries devoted all their resources to the war effort
- Unemployment almost disappeared in Europe
- Rationing – people could buy only small amounts of items that were also needed for the war effort
- Propaganda – one sided information designed to persuade to keep up morale and support for the war



## America Goes on the Offensive

- Russia pulls out of the war in 1917
  - forces the U.S. to join
  - Germans shift concentration of forces from east to west
- U.S. helps hold the line against Germany
- U.S. forces help defeat the Central Powers



- Austria-Hungary surrenders to Allies in Nov. 1918
- Socialist leaders in Germany create a German republic
  - kaiser gives up throne
- At 11:00 a.m. on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Germany agrees to an armistice = truce

## The Big 3 & Italy

- Georges Clemenceau (France)
- David Lloyd George (Britain)
- Woodrow Wilson (U.S.)
- Vittorio Orlando (Italy)
  - Italy had very little say in anything



## Wilson & His Plan

- Fourteen Points:
  - divided into 3 groups
  - \* 1<sup>st</sup> 5 addressed how to prevent war
- 1. No secret treaties
- 2. Freedom of the seas
- 3. Lower tariffs to increase free trade
- 4. Reduce size of armies
- 5. Colonies should govern themselves

- Next 8 dealt with boundary changes
  - distinct ethnic identities were to form their own nation-state
- 14<sup>th</sup> Point:
  - creation of the League of Nations



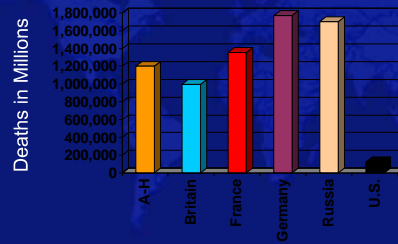
## The Treaty of Versailles

League of Nations	Territorial Losses	Military Restrictions	War Guilt
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>international peace organization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Germany returns Alsace-Lorraine to France</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limits set on size of German army</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sole blame for war placed on Germany</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Germany or Russia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Germany surrenders all overseas colonies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Germany forbidden to importing or manufacturing war weapons</li> <li>No air force for Germany</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Germany forced to pay \$33 billion to Allies over 30 years</li> </ul>



## The Final Toll

Military Deaths



## The Final Toll

Civilian Deaths

