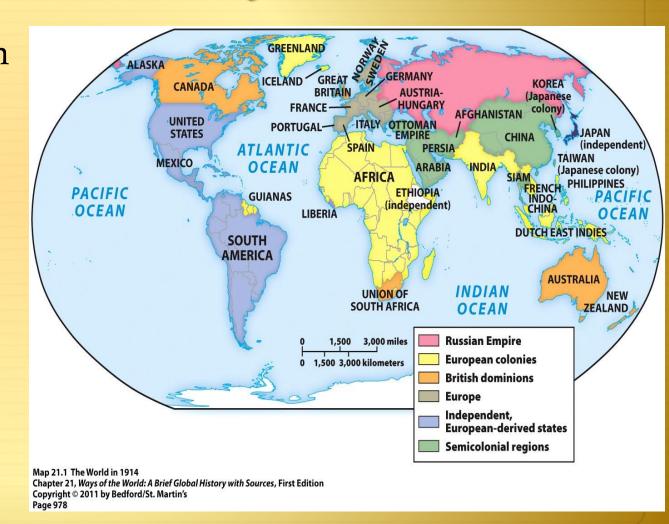
World War I (1914-1918)

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"The Collapse and Recovery of Europe"
(1914 – 1970s)

The World in the Early 20th Century

- → By 1900 = Europeans, or people with a European ancestry, largely controlled the entire world through their formal empires or informal influence
- → This would all change over the next few decades



The World in the Early 20th Century



The Congress of Vienna (1819)

- Rivalry and competition between European states continued throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries
- ♦ Fragile peace was barely being maintained after the defeat of Napoleon and his empire in 1815
 - Congress of Vienna (1815) = international meeting held to redraw European boundaries
 - Attempt to create a peaceful balance of power in Europe
- Rivalries and competition intensified with the unification of Italy and Germany in 1871

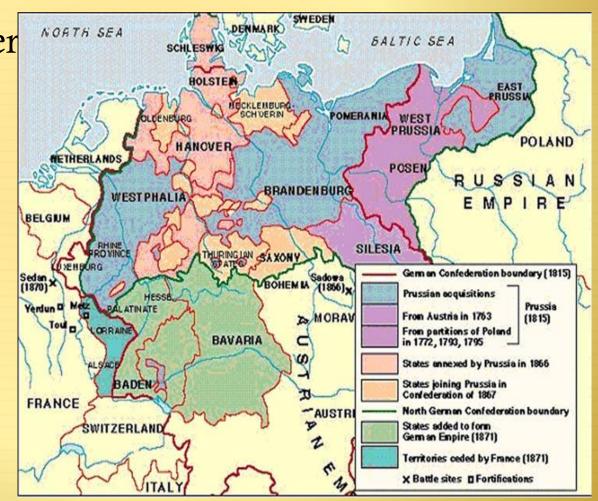
Italian Unification

- Italy had been divided up into several independent city-states
- Process of Italian unification began following the defeat of Napoleon in 1815
- ♦ Unified in 1871
- → 1st King of a united Italy = Victor Emmanuel II





- Last major European power to unify
- ♦ Was divided up into 39 independent states
 - → Largest = Prussia





- ♦ Otto von Bismarck = prime minister of Prussia
- ♦ Wanted strong government & army → unification would come through "blood and iron"
- ★ Embraced <u>realpolitik</u> = right of a country to pursue its own advantages by any means, including war

- → 1864 = War against Denmark
- → Denmark ruled Schleswig and Holstein = large German populations there
- Bismarck formed a temporary alliance with Austria
 - ♦ They won
 - Prussia got Schleswig
 - Austria got Holstein





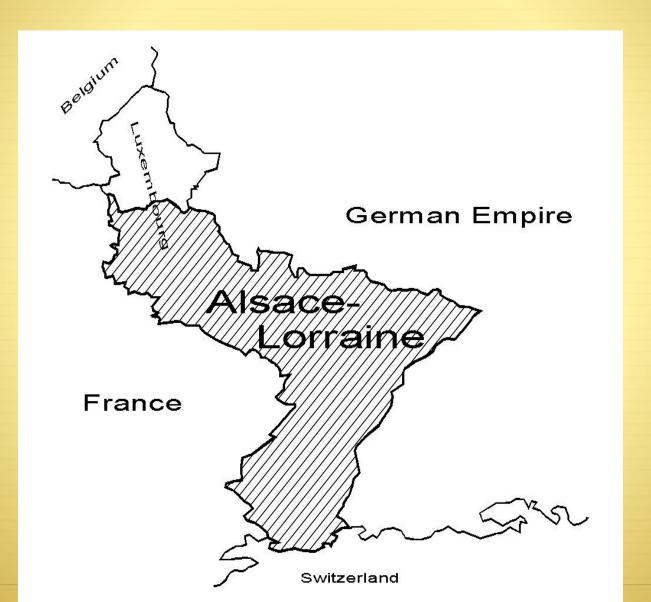
Prussian Calvary in the Austro-Prussian War

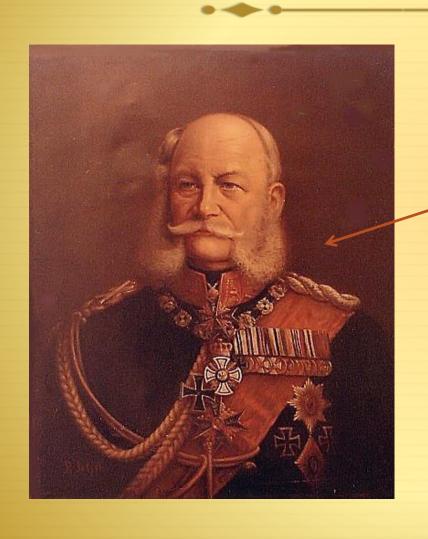
- ♦ 1866 = Austro-Prussian War
- → Bismarck formed alliances with Russia, France, and Italy
 - Prevented them from forming alliances with Austria
- → Bismarck's goal = to create a Germany under Prussian domination that excluded Austria
 - ♦ He won
- ♦ Austria gave Holstein to Prussia
- ♦ Austria gave Venetia to Italy

- → 1870-1871 = Franco-Prussian War
- ♦ France = a threat to a united Germany
- ✦ France demanded some territory from Prussia as compensation for their alliance in the last war
- ♦ Bismarck refused → eventually led to war between the two nations
 - ♦ Bismarck won
- ♣ Prussia gained the French territory of Alsace-Lorraine = major industrial site



Napoleon III of France seated next to Prussian Chancellor Otto von Bismarck, holding Napoleon's surrendered sword





- ♦ Unified in 1871
- ♦ 1st Kaiser (emperor) =Wilhelm I
- ♦ Bismarck = chancellor = chief minister





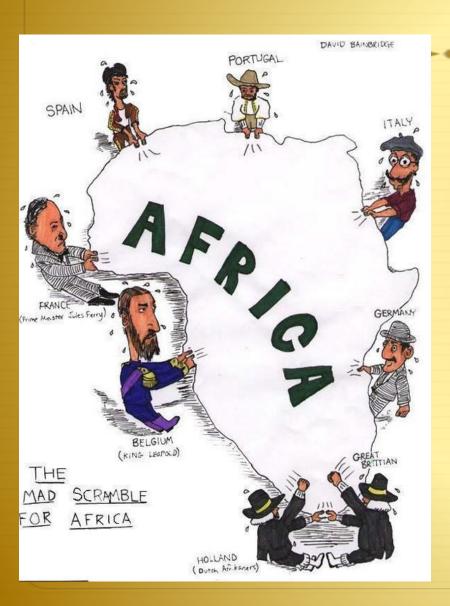


MAIN Causes of WWI

- → Militarism
- ♦ Alliances
- → Imperialism
- ♦ Nationalism



Imperialism



- ★ European = imperialist rivalries since the 1800s
- Competed for territory and economic power all over the world
 - Especially in: Africa,
 Southeast Asia, the Middle
 East, China, and the Balkans
- ♦ Competition turned to hostility and conflict as European's "got in each other's way"

Nationalism

- ♦ Nationalism had unified Germany and Italy and was becoming more and more popular
- ♦ The French wanted Alsace-Lorraine back from Germany
- ✦ In Austrian Empire = nationalism was creating the most violent tensions in Europe
 - → Pan-Slavism = Slavic nationalism
 - Desire to unite all of the Slavic people under one empire





Pan-Slavism



- → Many Slavic people = in the Austrian and Russian Empires
- Many Slavic people = in the Balkans = region once controlled by the Ottoman Empire (which was now falling apart)
- Major country in favor of Pan-SlavismSerbia

Militarism

- → Militarism = glorification and expansion of the military
- Countries began to build up their militaries and spend money on military training
- → Many countries began <u>conscription</u> = draft of civilians into the military
- → Domino effect → when one country enhanced its military, other countries would do the same



Alliances



Map of Europe 1839-1914

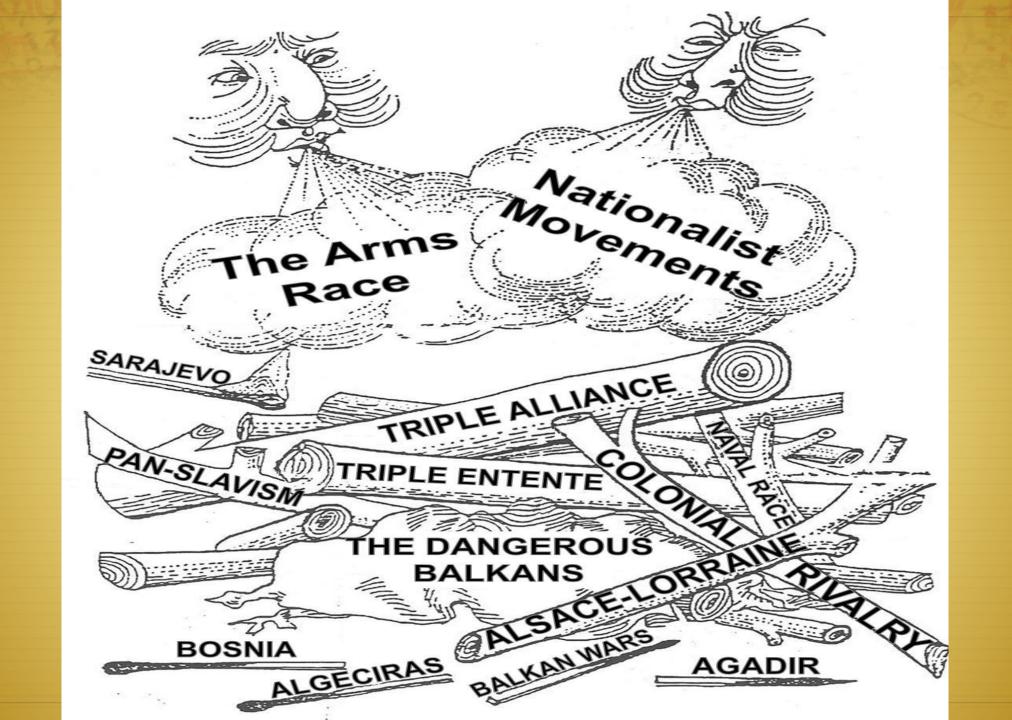
Britain

Germany

Russia

In 1907 France, Russia and Britain formed the Triple Entente. They did not promise to help each other but together they encircled Germany and Austria-Hungary.

- ★ Alliance systems = defense agreements among nations
- ♦ 2 major alliance systems:
 - Triple Alliance = Germany,Austria-Hungary, and Italy
 - ♦ Triple Entente = Great Britain, Russia, and France



The "Spark" of WWI

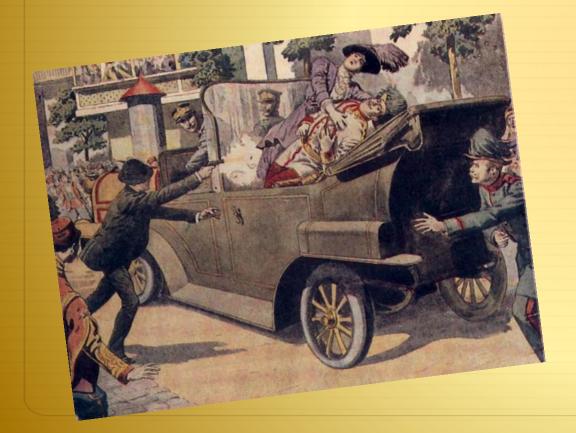


- → June 28, 1914 = Archduke Francis Ferdinand (heir to the throne in Austria-Hungary) was assassinated
- → His wife Sophie was also killed
- ♦ Both were in Sarajevo = capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina
 - ♦ A territory controlled by Austria-Hungary with a very big Slavic population



Murdered by Gavrilo Princip = member of the Black Hand
 secret Slavic nationalist group

The Assassination





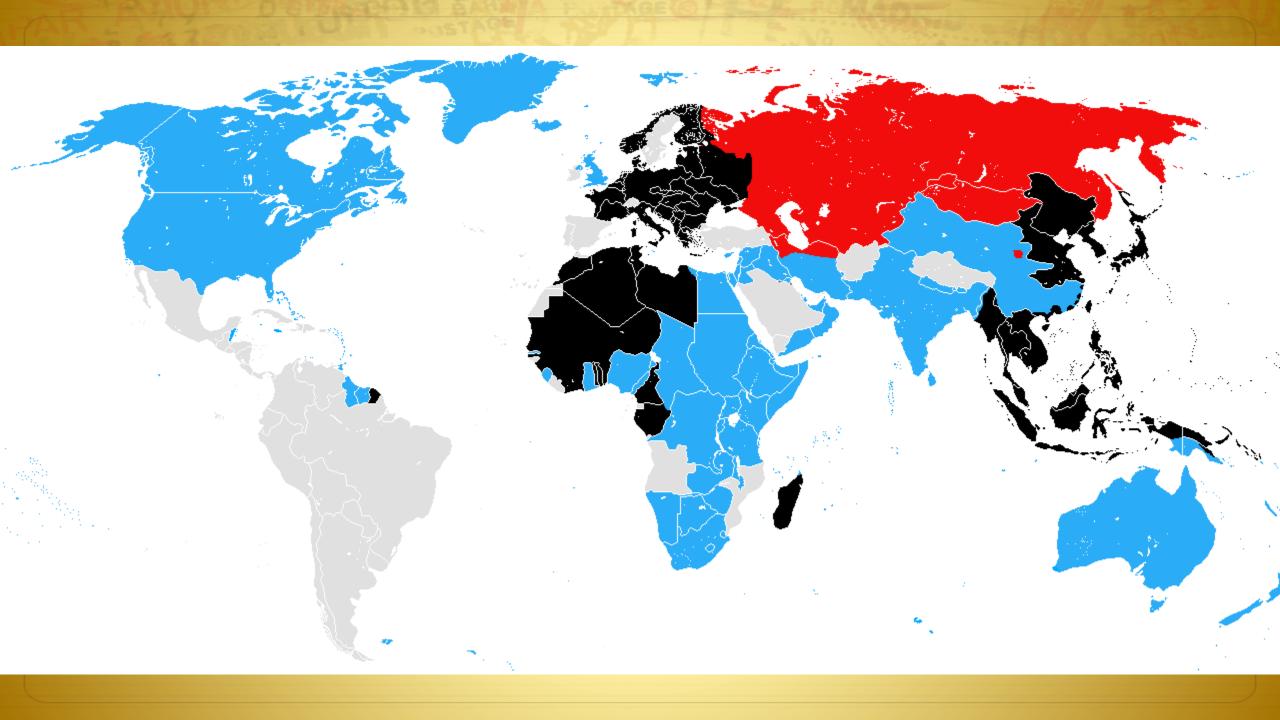
German Support

- Austria-Hungary approached Germany and made sure that Germany would support it if it took action against Serbia
- ♦ Germany promised a "blank check" of support
 - → Unconditional and full support



Declaration of War

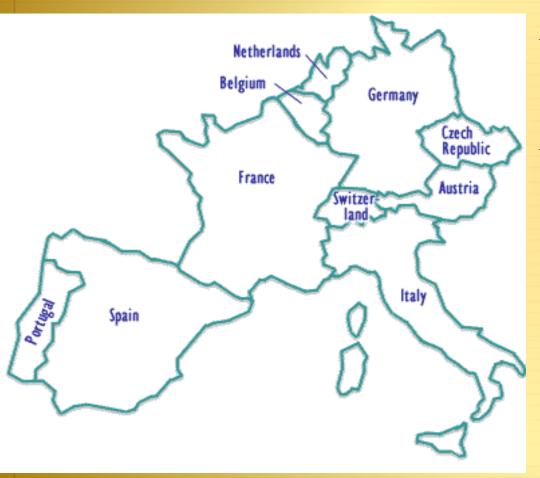
- ♦ Austria-Hungary gave Serbia an ultimatum
- ♦ 1) Serbia must let A-H officials into the country to stop all violent, nationalist movements
 - 2) Serbia must let A-H officials into the country to investigate the assassination
- ♦ Serbia said: NO
- ♦ July 28, 1914 = A-H declared war on Serbia
- ♦ Both countries started <u>mobilization</u> = preparing the military for war



A European War

- * Russia began to mobilize
 - → Supported Serbia and Pan-Slavism
- → France began to mobilize to support Russia
- → Germany gave Russia and France an ultimatum = stop mobilizing or face war
 - → They didn't stop
 - → Germany declared war on Russia and France
- ♦ Great Britain tried to stay neutral

A European War



- ♦ August 1914 = Germany invaded neutral Belgium in order to get to France
- This led Great Britain to declare war on Germany
 - Did not like that Germany was getting so close to them
 - Did not like that Germany was invading neutral countries

Other Nations Join the War

- ♦ For the Central Powers (formerly the Triple Alliance):
 - → 1914 = Ottoman Empire
 - ♦ 1915 = Bulgaria
- ♦ For the Allied Powers (formerly the Triple Entente):
 - → 1914 = Serbia, Belgium, Montenegro, Romania, Greece, Portugal
 - \rightarrow 1914 = Japan \rightarrow wanted German territories in the Pacific
 - → 1915 = Italy switched alliances → Allies promised Italy territories in A-H when they won
 - → 1917 = U.S.

Response of the People

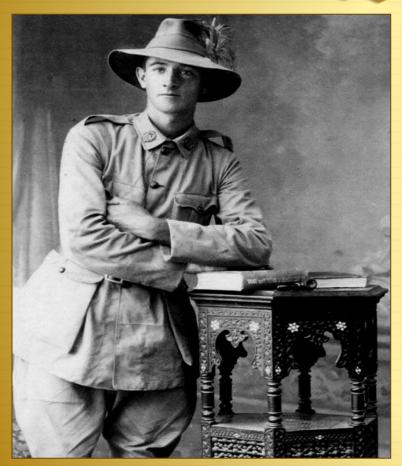
- ✦ People in every country responded with patriotic enthusiasm
 - ♦ Cheered for their country
 - Supported their troops
- Nobody knew how devastating the war would actually be to Europe
 - No country stockpiled more than 6 months worth of ammunition and supplies)



Europe in 1917



European Alliances on the Eve of World War I. Alliance systems divided Europe into two great blocs with few countries remaining neutral.

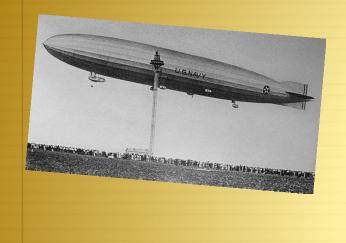


A Young Australian Recruit

- ♦ Worldwide involvement = first time in world history that all major nations were involved in a war
 - → Every continent provided troops for combat
 - Colonial troops and laborers funneled in from Africa, India, China, Southeast Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and South Africa

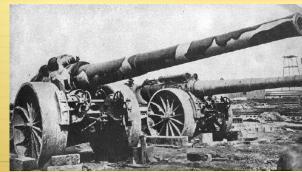


- ♦ Naval warfare = battles between the British and German navies were very common
 - They would also set up blockades to stop each other from receiving food & materials
 - ♦ Germans used U-Boats = submarines







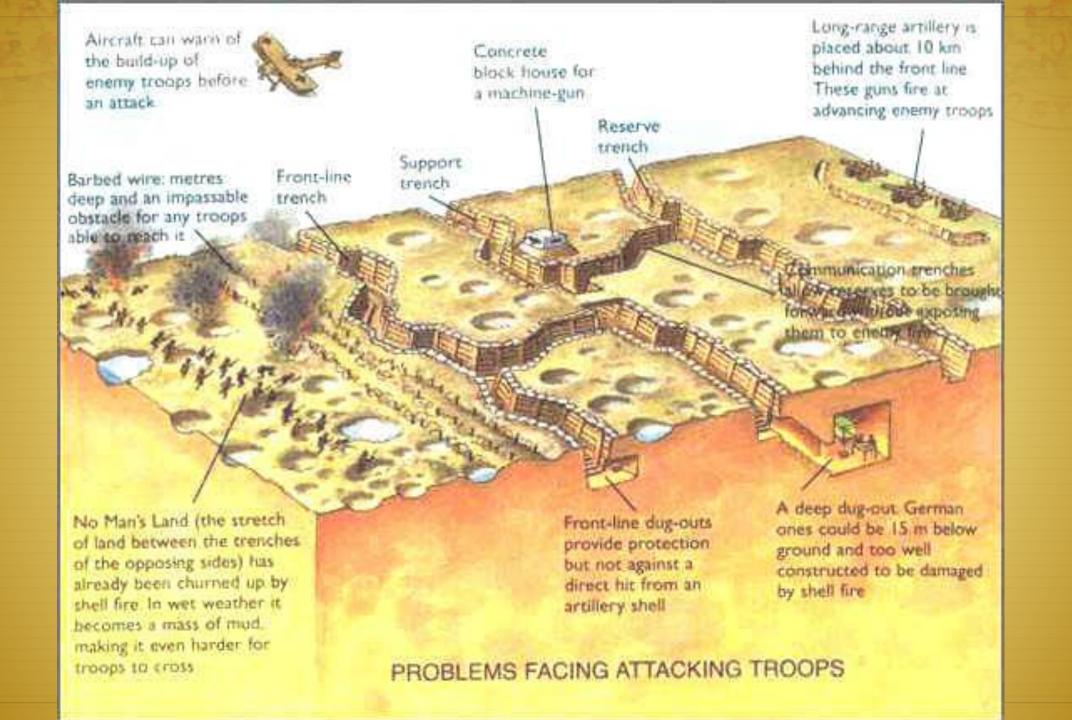


- ♦ New Weapons
 - ♦ Dirigibles (airships)
 - **♦** Submarines
 - → Machine guns
 - → Giant artillery guns
 - **♦** Tanks
 - ♦ Airplanes
 - ♦ Poison gas



♦ Trench Warfare

- → Used on the Western Front
- ♦ Complex system of trenches and tunnels
- ♦ Soldiers would be in them for several weeks at a time
- ♦ Soldiers suffered from boredom, disease, rats, mud, cold, standing water, etc.
- "Trench foot" = when the feet would begin to rot and decay due to exposure to water and cold
 - ♦ Often got infected → could lead to gangrene

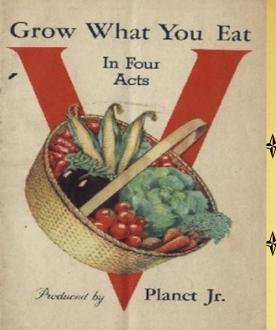




Military Aspects of WWI



- ♦ Trench Warfare (cont.)
 - Trenches were surrounded by barbed wire -men often got caught in it
 - Space in between the trenches = "No man's land"
 - * "No man's land" = scattered with land mines
 - ♦ WWI became a war of attrition = trying to wear down the other side with constant attacks



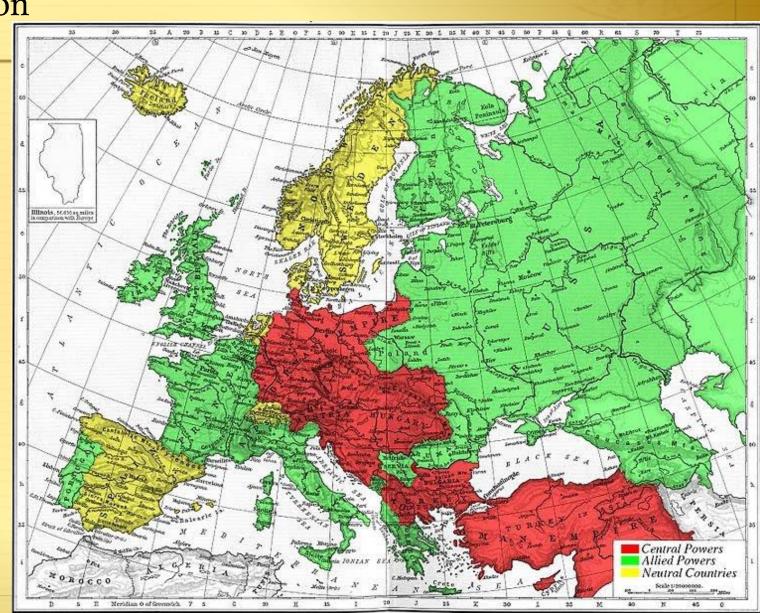
WWI = "Total War"

- ♦ Total War = countries involved used every resource available for the war effort
- On the home front = people mobilized resources for the military front
 - Hole in the workforce because the war took any men old enough to fight
 - ♦ Women went to work in the factories
 - → Poor people benefited from new work
 - → Factories made war products instead of domestic products
 - * "War socialism" = governments took more control over the economy during the war; needed war supplies



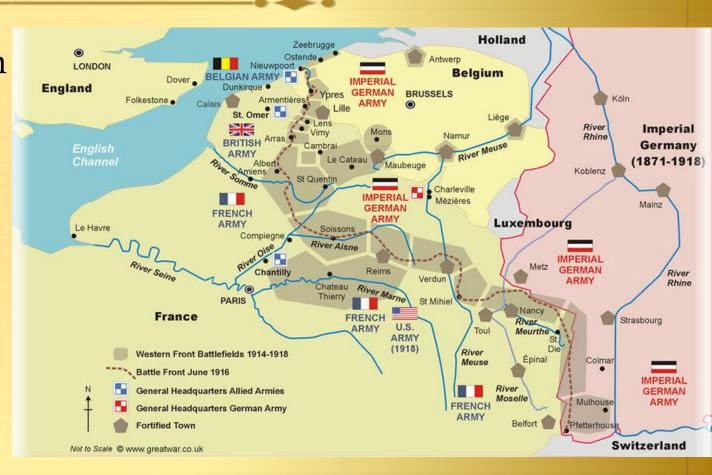
Major Theaters of War

- → "Theater" of war = the location
- ♦ In WWI = 2 theaters
 - ♦ Western Front
 - ♦ Eastern Front



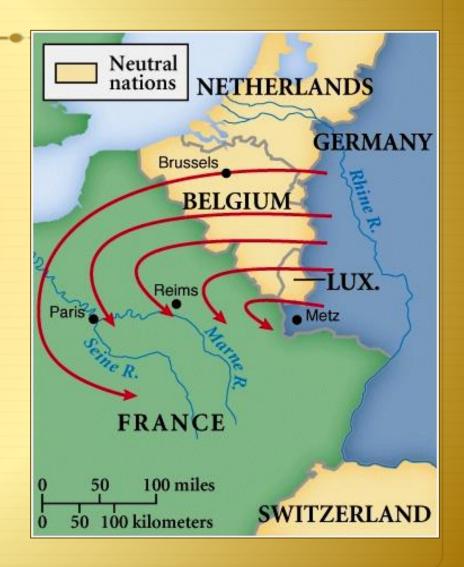
Western Front

- Plan XVII = French plan to go on offensive attacks without concern for the opponent's strategy
 - Led to mass casualties in the war
- ♦ Schlieffen Plan = Germany's military plan to avoid war on 2 fronts



The Schlieffen Plan

- ♦ Created by German General Alfred von Schlieffen
- → Plan = go into France through Belgium and conquer France, THEN turn back around through Germany to get Russia
 - → Believed Russia would be slow to mobilize because so large
 - → Paris = objective of German push in France after getting through Belgium



Problems with the Schlieffen Plan

- 1. The Germans met much more resistance in Belgium than they anticipated
 - This slowed the Germans down
 - This depleted German resources, troops, etc.
- 2. The slowdown in Belgium gave British troops a chance to come over and join the French troops for support
- 3. Russia mobilized a lot faster than Germany thought it would
 - This forced Germany to end up fighting on 2 fronts

A Multi-Front War



Stalemate on the Western Front

- ♦ Both sides continued to fight with neither side making any real progress
- ♦ Both sides were losing troops, ammunition, supplies, food, medicine, etc.
- ♦ Both sides had to change their war strategy:
 - 1) Recruitment of Civilians
 - 2) Propaganda = used by the government to make the enemy look beastly and inhuman

Recruitment Posters





New French Recruits



Recruits of the Central Powers

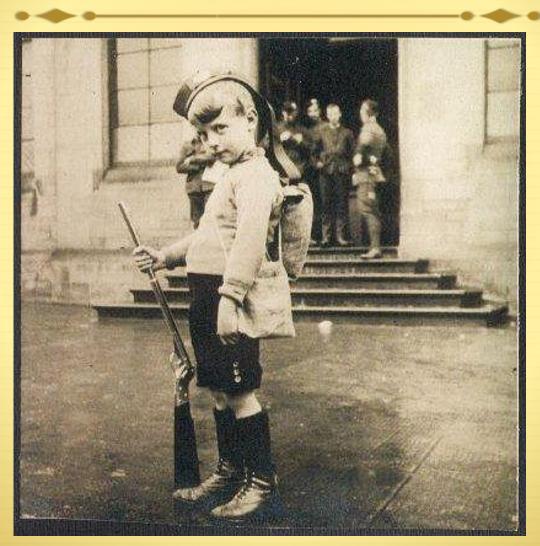


Austro-Hungarians

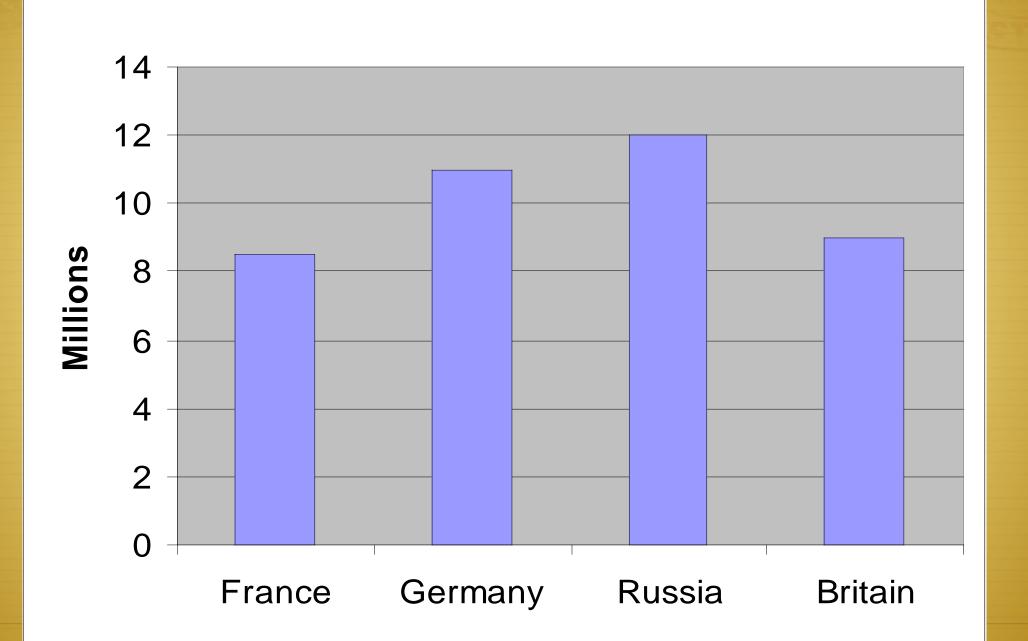
A German Soldier Says Farewell to His Mother

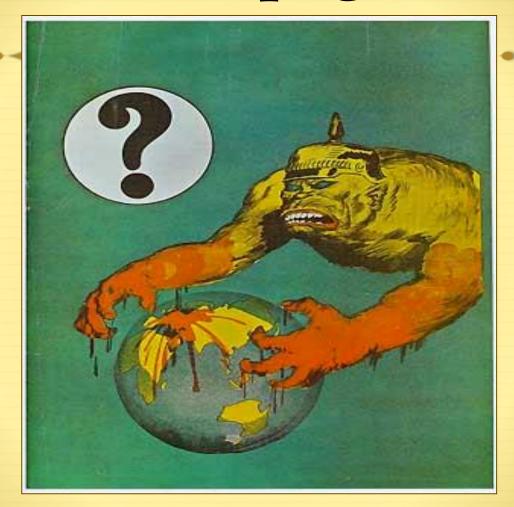


A German Boy Pretends to be a Soldier

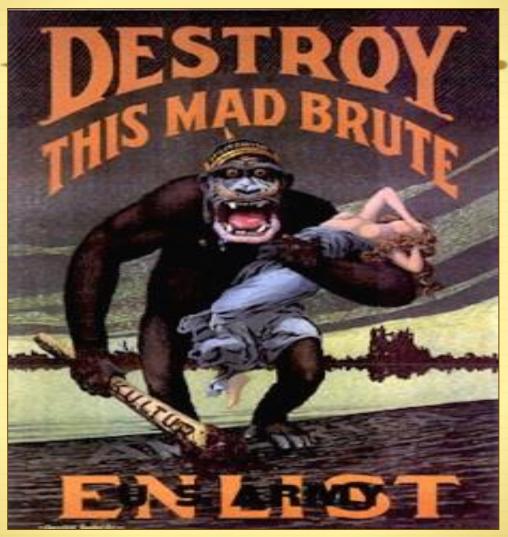


Soldiers Mobilized





Australian Poster



American Poster



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Think of your children!

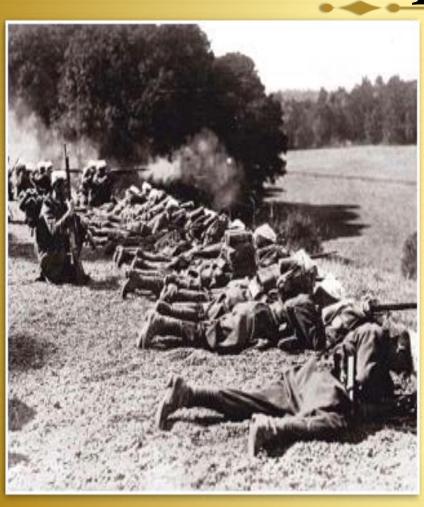
German Poster

Major Battles on the Western Front

- 1. Battle of the Marne
- 2. Battle at Verdun
- 3. Battle of the Somme
- 4. Second Battle of the Marne



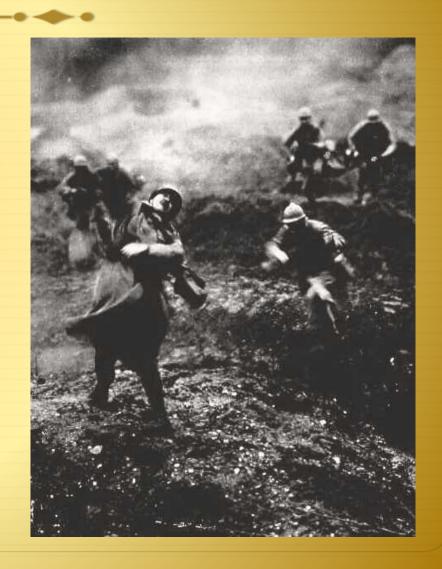
Battle of the Marne September 1914



- ♦ French vs. German troops
- ♦ French stopped German advances
- ♦ Not strong enough to push them all the way back to Germany
- ♦ Pushed the Germans back 50 miles away from Paris
- **♦** Saved Paris
- ♦ Boosted morale for the French

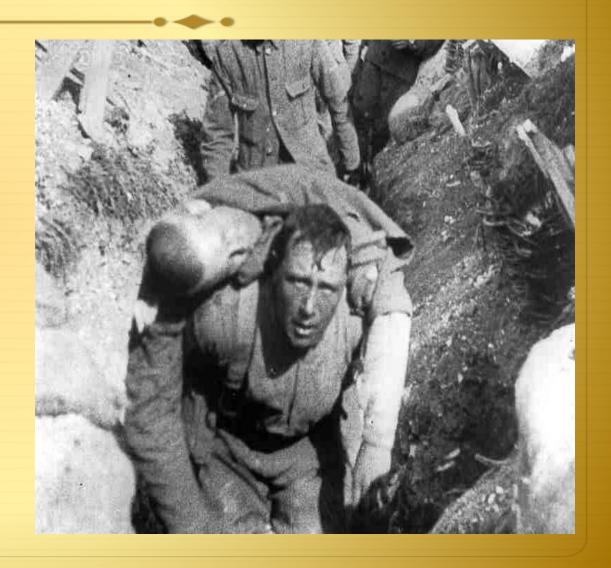
Verdun - February 1916

- ♦ German offensive
 - ♦ Sneak attack
 - Broke out of trenches and attacked French city of Verdun
- ♦ Longest battle in the war
 - ♦ 6 months
 - → Germans finally abandoned attack
 - ♦ Result = stalemate
- ♦ Each side had 500,000 casualties



The Somme - July 1916

- → British forces attacked the Germans to take the pressure off French troops in Verdun
- ♦ No advancement or gain for either side
- ♦ 1.1 million dead
 - → 500,000 German troops dead
 - → 400,000 British troops dead
 - → 200,000 French troops dead



Second Battle of the Marne July 1918



Les Petits Tanks à la Seconde Bataille de la Marne (Juillet 1918), par Ch. Bande

- ♦ Germans tried one more time to get Paris
- ♦ Within a month, the U.S. sent 2 million American troops to help the French there
- ♦ Fresh Americans = deciding factor in the war
 - * They helped the Allies push the Germans back to Germany & forced them to surrender



Sacrifices in War







Sacrifices in War





The Eastern Front

- ♦ Didn't use trench warfare
- ♦ War here = mobile and involved constant changes in battlefield positions
- ♦ Neither side ever achieved a complete victory here either



The Russian Disaster August 1914



- * Russians invaded eastern Germany
- ♦ Diverted German troops from the Western Front
- → But Russia ended up suffering a disastrous defeat
 - → 30,000 Russians killed
 - ♦ 92,000 Russians taken prisoner

Continuous Russian Defeats

- → 1914 1917 = Russia continued to suffer harsh defeats by
 German armies
 - → Lost millions of men, supplies, ammunition, guns, etc.
 - → Morale in Russia = VERY LOW
- ✦ Although the Russians suffered, their efforts helped the Allies over on the Western Front



- President Woodrow Wilson had issued the <u>Proclamation of Neutrality</u>
 - ♦ Said that U.S. would stay neutral in WWI
- → But world events led the U.S. to get involved in the war
 - ♦ In 1917 = the U.S. declared war on Germany



♦ U-Boats

- → Germans used unrestricted submarine warfare = subs attacked without warning & attacked commercial ships also
- ♦ Subs = called "U-Boats"
- → Subs used to blockade England and weaken its navy
- ♦ Germans torpedoed ships of neutral nations
- ♦ 1915 = a U-Boat sank an American passenger liner = the *Lusitania*
 - → 1200 people killed -- 128 Americans

The Lusitania





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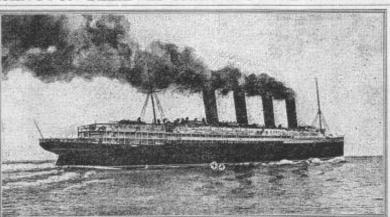
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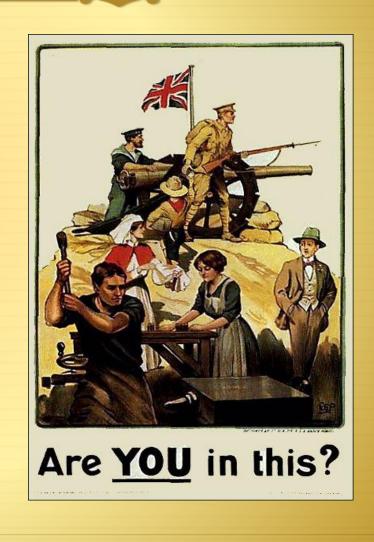
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- → Allied Propaganda
 - Americans felt receptive to it
 - → We felt connected to England -- common language and culture
 - ♦ We had a friendship with France since way back when they helped us in the Revolutionary War



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- ♦ The Zimmerman Telegram
 - Intercepted by the British & given to U.S.
 - Sent from Germany to Mexico
 - ♦ Said that if Mexico supported Germany in WWI, then Germany would help Mexico get land it lost to U.S. in Mexican-American War

- ♦ American Economic Interests
 - ♦ Americans sold food and manufactured goods to the Allies
 - → Made loans to the Allies → afraid that if Germany won, their loans would never get repaid

The U.S. Enters the War

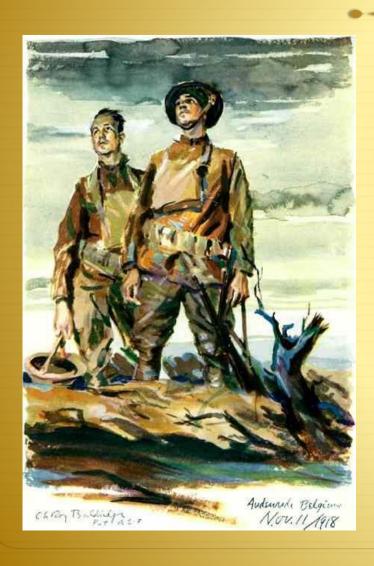
- ♦ American Security
 - → If Germany won, it would become the dominant power in Europe
 - → Germany could take over Great Britain and be closer to the U.S.
 - ♦ Threatened U.S. security
 - ♦ American Idealism
 - → U.S. believed the world would be a better place if the Allies won

Significance of the U.S. in WWI



- 1. Turned the tide of WWI in favor of the Allies
- 2. Broke sharply with America's traditional avoidance of foreign conflicts
- 3. Marked America's emergence as a world power → eventually led to world leadership

Turning the Tide



- ♦ When the U.S. joined WWI, the Allies got:
 - ♦ More resources
 - More troops
 - ♦ Boosted morale
- ♦ American involvement changed WWI
 - ♦ No more stalemate
 - Allies now had the advantage
 - ♦ The U.S. helped the Allies push the Germans back to the German border



Germany Surrenders

- ♦ September 1918 = German generals von Hindenburg & Ludendorff told Kaiser Wilhelm II that the war could not be won
- → Collapse of Central Powers followed



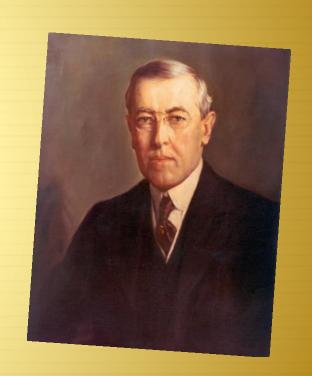
Germany Surrenders



- ♦ November 9, 1918 = Kaiser abdicated and a German republic was proclaimed
- ♦ November 11, 1918 = Germans signed an <u>armistice</u> = agreement to end the fighting

Wilson's 14 Points: Trying to Restore the Peace

- ♦ Freedom of the seas
- * Removal of international trade barriers
- * Reduction in arms
- ♦ End to secret alliances
- Adjustment of European boundaries according to nationality
- → League of Nations = "general association of nations"
- → 14 Points = guiding framework for peace settlement



Paris Peace Conference

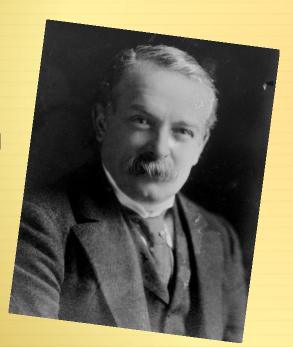


- ♦ January 1919
- * Representatives from 27 nations met
- ♦ No one from Central Powers or Russia invited
- ♦ 5 separate peace treaties signed
 - ♦ Biggest one = Treaty of Versailles
- ♦ Most decisions made by the "Big Four"

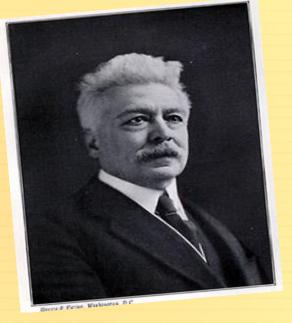
The "Big Four"



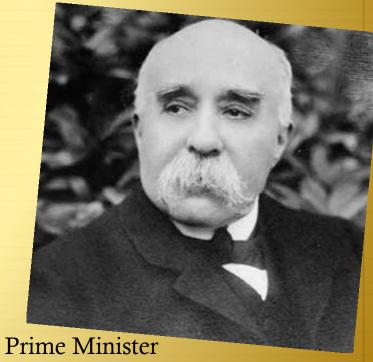
President Woodrow Wilson (U.S.)



Prime Minister David Lloyd George (Britain)



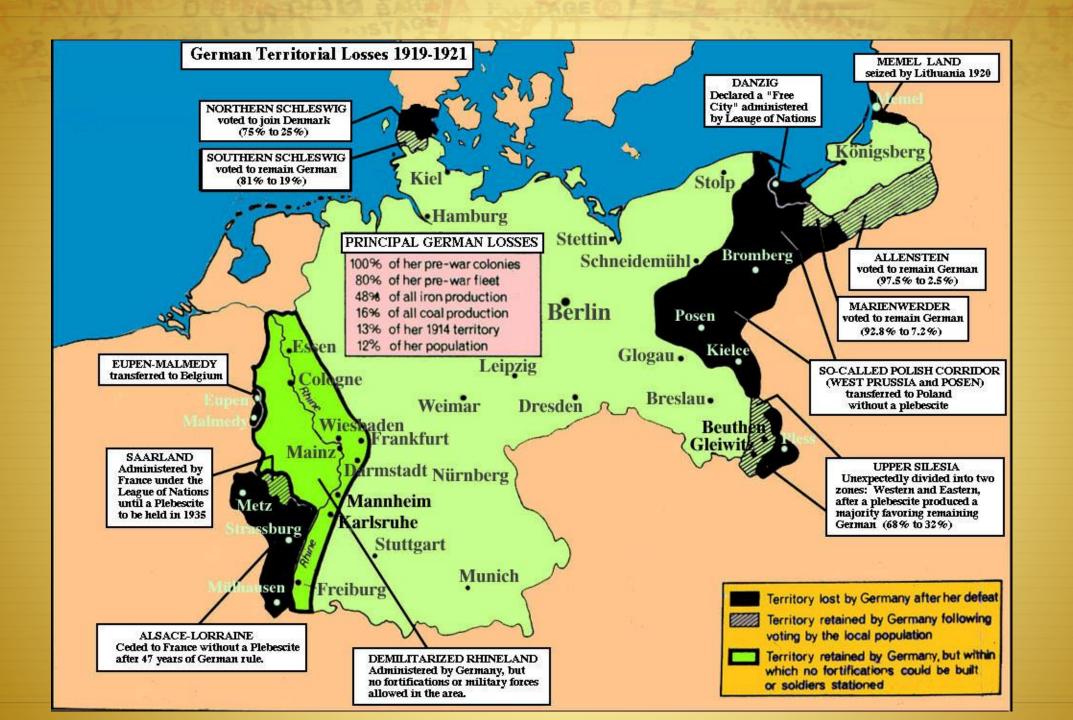
Prime Minister Vittorio Orlando (Italy)



Prime Minister
Georges Clemceau
(France)

Treaty of Versailles Signed June 28, 1919

- 1) Territorial Provisions
 - Germany gave Alsace-Lorraine to France
 - Germany gave Saar coal mines to France
 - Germany gave small areas on its border to Denmark and Belgium
 - Other border changes were made based on nationality



2) Colonial Provisions

- Germany had to give up all of its overseas colonies to the Allies
- Great Britain & France split Germany's colonies in Africa
- Australia took German Pacific islands south of the Equator
- Japan took German Pacific islands north of the Equator

League of Nations Mandates in Africa

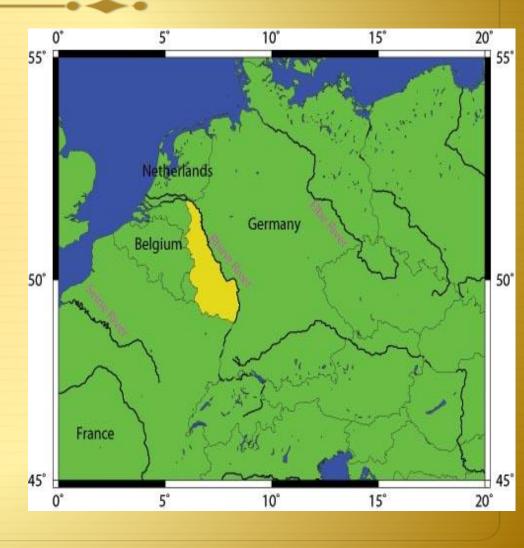


German Pacific Colonies Lost After WWI



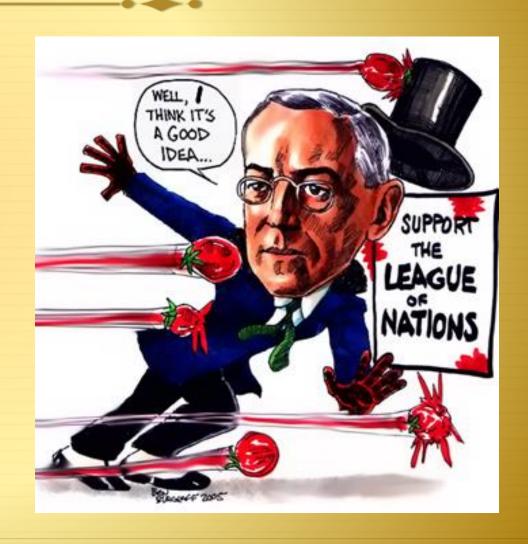
3) Disarmament

- German army limited to 100,000 volunteers
- Submarines & aircrafts banned in Germany
- Draft banned in Germany
- German navy reduced to a few small ships
- Demilitarization of the Rhineland in Germany



- 4) War Guilt Clause and Reparations
 - Germany had to accept SOLE responsibility for the war
 - Germany had to pay <u>reparations</u> = payments for all war damages

- 5) Creation of the League of Nations
 - Ended up being very weak
 - U.S. Senate refused to join
 - Not enforced well
 - Not strong enough to stop WWII
 - Collapsed in 1940



Other Settlements

- → Austria-Hungary broke up
- ♦ New nations emerged in Europe out of the old German, Russian, and Austro-Hungarian Empires
- ♦ In the Middle East, the Allies divided up what was left of the
 Ottoman Empire

New Nations: 1923



League of Nations Mandates in the Middle East



Mandate = a territory administered by another country

- ♦ WWI destroyed the lives and homes of millions of people
- Many people found themselves to be minorities in newly formed nations
- → Many people who thought they would become citizens of independent nations saw their dreams dashed
- → Losing side = bitter about the outcome
- → Most bitter country after WWI = Germany
 - → Left weak and humiliated as a result of the Treaty of Versailles

- ♦ Social Results
 - → 10 million soldiers killed
 - → 20 million soldiers wounded
 - → 13 million civilians died = from getting caught up in the war, disease, starvation, etc.
 - → World left with hatred, intolerance, and extreme nationalism

- ♦ Political Results
 - → U.S. emerged as a leading world power
 - → Breakdown of empires & monarchies
 - ♦ New countries emerged in Europe
 - Many European countries would eventually turn to dictatorship
 - → Italy, Germany, and Russia

- **♦** Economic Results
 - → Total cost of WWI = \$350 billion
 - → Taxes increased in Europe to pay for the war
 - → International trade declined
 - ♦ Economic issues eventually led to the Great Depression
 - ♦ Worldwide not just in the U.S.