

WWI, Part 1

World History

A stylized silhouette of a mountain range in a darker shade of teal, located in the bottom right corner of the slide.

Europe in the 1800s

- ◆ Countries → groups of small states that had common languages, religions & cultural traditions
- ◆ Groups developed loyalty & devotion to area & traditions → nations born

Nationalism

- ◆ Nationalism = feelings of loyalty and devotions to country & traditions
- ◆ Nationalism creates feelings of rivalry between countries

Age of Imperialism

- ◆ European nations rushed to obtain new colonies & raw materials = Imperialism
- ◆ Imperialism pushed nations to brink of war

Age of Imperialism

- ◆ Spain, France & Germany battled over control of Morocco
- ◆ Britain & Russia disputed rule of Iran

Nations Prepare for War

- ◆ Military officers given government authority
- ◆ Countries enlarged their armies & navies
- ◆ Increased required time soldiers had to serve country

Alliances

- ◆ Alliances = formalized agreements between nations promising to each other in case of attack
- ◆ Spain remained neutral → had no alliance

Balkan Powder Keg

- ◆ 1912 & 1913 = 2 wars fought in Balkans → Albania was created as independent nation
- ◆ Balkans considered powder keg of Europe → feared it would spark war

Archduke Ferdinand

- ◆ Archduke Ferdinand = future King of Austria-Hungary wife killed
- ◆ Black Hand, Serbian nationalist group killed the future king in Sarajevo in 1914 sparked WWI

Ultimatum

- ◆ Austria-Hungary issued ultimatum (a final set of demands) that they investigate the murder
- ◆ Austria-Hungary began to mobilize (call into active service) military

War Declared

- ◆ Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia
- ◆ Triple Alliance = Germany, Austria-Hungary & Italy
- ◆ Triple Entente = Great Britain, France & Russia

Trench Warfare

- ◆ WW I fought in many locations
- ◆ Neither side able to advance or defeat other, so dug ditches (trenches) & fought from them

New Weapons

- ◆ Machine guns fired many shots rapidly
- ◆ Poisonous gas blinded & choked victims
- ◆ British created tank to protect soldiers from machine gun fire
- ◆ Aircraft & submarines used

The War

- ◆ Russia = largest army, but disorganized with poor leadership
- ◆ Countries set up naval blockades that created shortages of food & goods

US Stays Neutral

- ◆ Both sides used propaganda (spreading ideas and beliefs to further a cause) to have US support them
- ◆ President Woodrow Wilson announced US would remain neutral

US Pulled into War

- ◆ Germans sank *Lusitania* with over 100 American passengers killed
- ◆ President Wilson & Americans were angry

US Pulled into War

- ◆ German subs attacked American merchant ships
- ◆ Zimmerman Note – German foreign secretary to Mexico Zimmerman sent secret message to Mexicans offering them parts of US if Mexico became Germany's ally

US Enters War

- ◆ British intercepted Zimmerman Note & shared with US
- ◆ US declared war on Germany in April 1917

US Impact on War

- ◆ Arrival of American troops on Western Front gave their allies the manpower needed to win the war and the ability to withstand the assaults of the Germans

Armistice

- ◆ Armistice = agreement that ends fighting
- ◆ 11:00 A.M. on November 11, 1918 Allies & Germany signed armistice
- ◆ Germany & its allies had lost the war