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History of the Europe

#### The First World War



Boys and Girls! War Savings Stamps Poster by James Montgomery Flagg 1917-18

#### The First World War:

#### What?

War involving nearly all the nations of the world

### When?

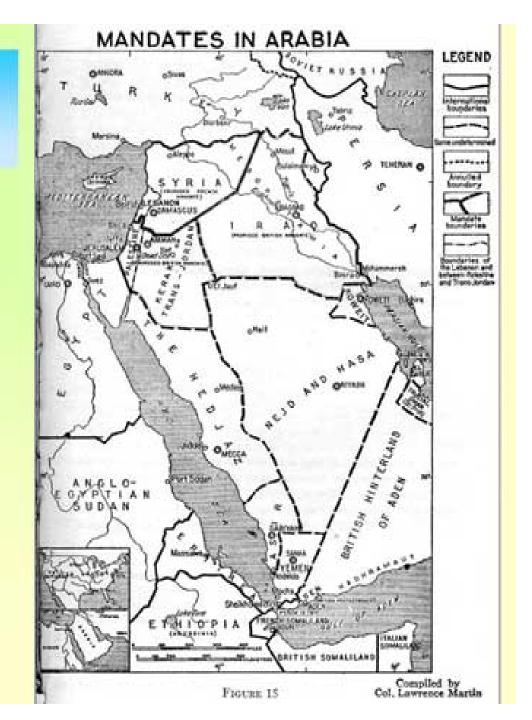
•1914-1918

### The Break-Up of the Ottoman Empire

The Ottoman Empire was broken apart.

Four newly independent countries emerged:

SYRIA, JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAQ



#### The First World War:

## Why?



Franz Ferdinand, Archduke of Austria and his Wife Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg one hour before their deaths, June 28, 1914

#### Long term -

- 1. Alliance system
- 2. Imperialist Competition
- 3. Stockpiling of Weapons

## Short term -Assassination of Franz Ferdinand of the Austro-Hungarian Empire

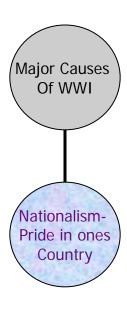
#### The War to end All Wars

Great war was believed to be the War that would end all other wars....

Do you believe this to be possible?



## Major Causes of WWI



# The Black Hand



## Black Hand-Union or Death

Secret Serbian Terrorist Society-

Members from an original semi-secret society that focused on Pan-Slavism

joined later to create the black hand

## Black Hand

Ranking Serbian ministers, officials and generals

Goal of the group was the creation of a Greater Serbia by use of violence

Black hand trained guerillas and saboteurs and arranged political murders.

Black Hand

Black Hand members held important army and government positions

Serbian Gov't was well informed of Black Hand activities

Saying "No" to the Black Hand was a dangerous act.

Political murder was one of their well known tools

## Work of the Black Hand

## Archduke Ferdinand

And Wife Sophie



# Archduke Ferdinand And Wife nated



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#### **Understanding the Armenian Genocide**

The Armenian Genocide refers to the systematic deportation and killing of Armenians by the Ottoman Empire from 1915 to 1918.

The Ottoman government charged that Armenians were aiding the Russian Empire.

The Ottoman government passed the Tehcir Law, giving the military authority to deport anyone it considered a threat to national security.

The Ottomans confiscated Armenian property and deported, executed, and mass-murdered men, women, and children.

#### The Ottoman army destroyed defenseless Armenian villages.



#### The Fokker Scourge

In 1915, Anthony Fokker designed interrupter gear linking a plane's gun to its propeller. This allowed machine guns to shoot through propellers.

The first plane with a synchronized machine gun was the Fokker Eindecker E-III.

The Fokker monoplanes demoralized Allied pilots and gave Germany control of the air.

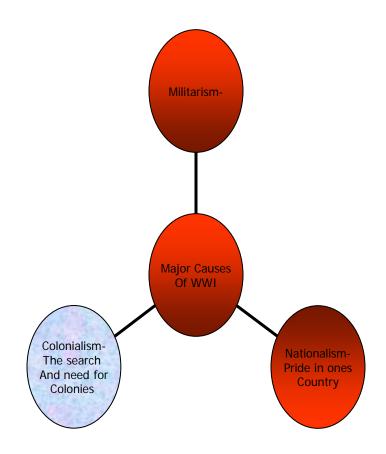
They were known as the Fokker Scourge.

The Allies copied the Fokker design from a captured German fighter.

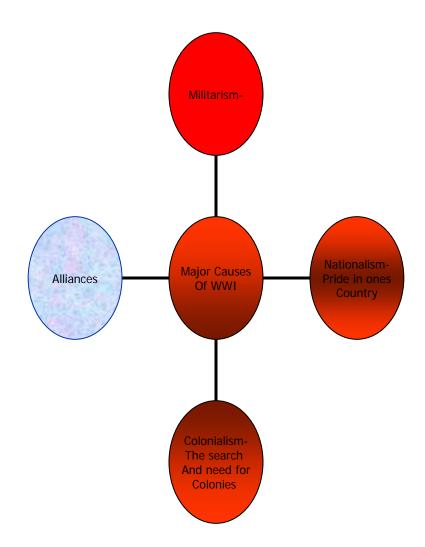




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#### 1879 The Dual Alliance



Germany and Austria-Hungary made an alliance to protect themselves from Russia

#### 1881 Austro-Serbian Alliance



Austria-Hungary made an alliance with Serbia to stop Russia gaining control of Serbia

#### 1882 The Triple Alliance



Germany and Austria-Hungary made an alliance with Italy to stop Italy from taking sides with Russia

#### 1914 Triple Entente (no separate peace)



Britain, Russia and France agreed not to sign for peace separately.



#### 1894 Franco-Russian Alliance



Russia formed an alliance with France to protect herself against Germany and Austria-Hungary

#### 1907 **Triple Entente**



This was made between Russia, France and Britain to counter the increasing threat from Germany.

#### 1907 Anglo-Russian **Entente**



This was an agreement between Britain and Russia

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#### 1904 **Entente Cordiale**



This was an agreement, but not a formal alliance, between France and Britain.





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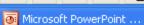




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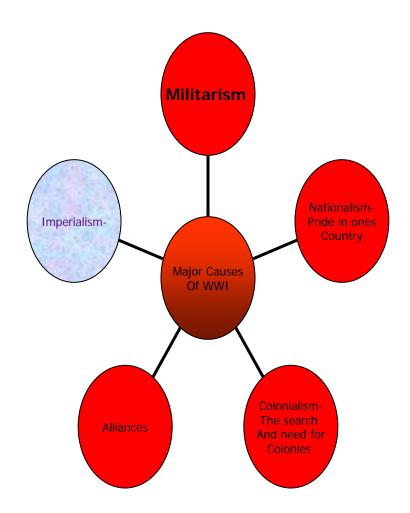








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## Airplanes were built for combat with machine guns mounted at the front, synchronized with the propellers. Bombers were built for land and sea targets.



British Sopwith Camel with two Vickers Machine Guns



Russian Sikorsky Bomber

#### Synchronized: Timed to work together



French Nieuport 17 Shown with Front and Wing Guns



Sopwith Cuckoo Torpedo Bomber

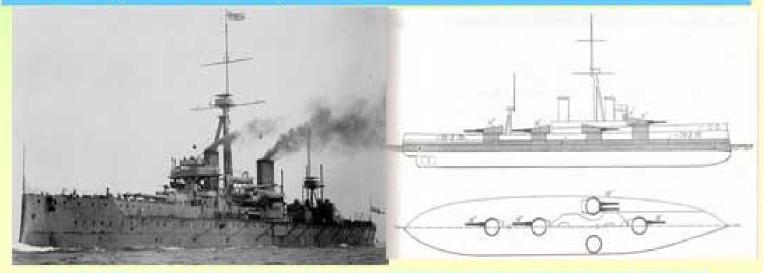
#### **Worldwide Naval Arms Race**

Britain's dreadnoughts were called "all-big-gun" ships and were the fastest battleships on the seas.

The development of the dreadnought-class warships led to a worldwide naval arms race.

Dreadnoughts intensified the arms race between Britain and Germany.

Total military spending by the six Great European Powers (Britain, Germany, France, Russia, Austria-Hungary and Italy) increased by 50% between 1908 and 1913.



HMS Dreadnought, The First of the Dreadnought Class 7

#### The First World War:

#### Who?

#### Central Powers:

Germany Austria-Hungary Ottoman Empire Bulgaria

#### Allies:

Russia
France
Great Britain
Italy
Japan
United States (1917)

### The First World War:

#### Where?



#### Monroe Doctrine of 1823

The **Monroe Doctrine** is a U.S. doctrine which, on December 2, 1823, stated that European powers were no longer to colonize or interfere with the affairs of the newly independent states of the Americas.

The United States would not interfere with existing colonies or their dependencies in the Western Hemisphere. However, any attempt by a European nation to oppress or control any nation in the western hemisphere would be seen as an act of aggression and the United States would intervene

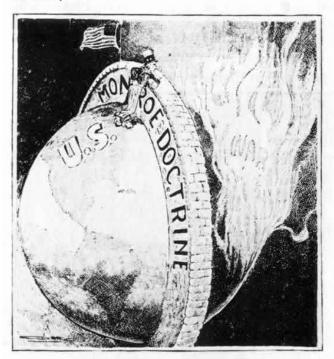
# Why did it take so long for America to get involved in the war?

America was isolationist

"Why should I get involved in someone else's

problems"

"The Great Wall," 1914 The Monroe Doctrine is depicted as a protective shield. (Courtesy of Nashville Tennessean.)



## Thinking Slide:

•Is isolationism really an option for a country as powerful as the United States?

## Which side should the US pick?

#### Central Powers:

- •11 million German-Americans
- Irish-Americans hated Great Britain

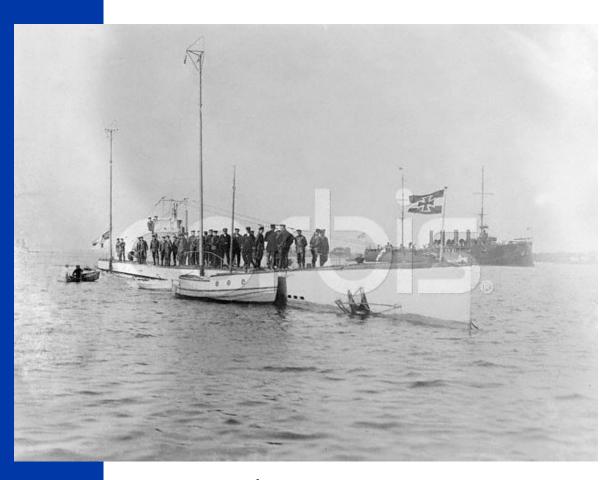
#### Allies:

- Close cultural ties
- •Shared transatlantic cables (so censored stories)
- Big business loaned much \$ to allies

#### US Exports to both sides:

Nations	1914	1915	1916
Britain	\$594,271,863	\$911,794,954	\$1,526,685,102
France	\$159,818,924	\$364,397,170	\$628,851,988
Germany	\$344,794,276	\$28,863,354	\$288,899

### 1. Blockades



Britain blockaded (stopped) all German ships going to America

Germany

 announced a
 submarine war
 around Britain

Y-53 German Submarine 1916

#### 1. Blockades

- In May, 1915 Germany told Americans to stay off of British ships
- They could/would sink them

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Gibraltar-Genia-Naples-Piracus 5.S. Carpathia, Thur., May 13, Noon

FOUND THE WORLD TOURS Through hockings in all oringinal Ports of the World.

#### NOTICE:

TRAVELLERS intending to embark on the Atlantic voyage are reminded that a state of war exists between Germany and her allies and Great Britain and her allies; that the zone of war includes the waters adjarent to the British Isles; that, in accordance with formal notice given by the Imperial German Government, vessels flying the flag of Great Britain, or of any of her allies, are liable to destruction in those waters and that travellers sailing in the Britain or her allies do so at their own risk.

#### IMPERIAL GERMAN EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 22, 1915

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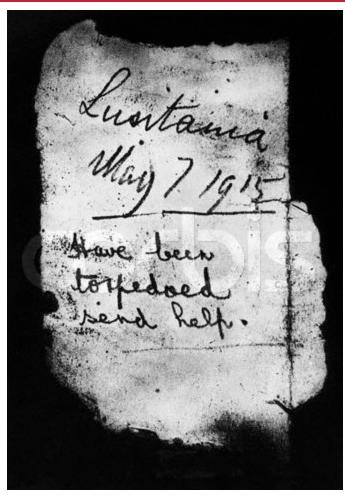


SHOWING GURS SHE DID NOT CARRY! A GERMAN FICTION-PICTURE of This German picture of the sinking of the "English Auxiliary-Craiser "Limitaria" "(Billishresser), is festigated with deliberate malice to perpetuate the German official false statement that the "Limitania" carried gum. Two quick-firen behind armoured-shields are shown on the upper deck forward, on either side of the foresastle near the bows. Apart from official contradictions by the Captain and owners of

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- Lusitania
   torpedoed, sinking
   with 1200
   passengers and
   crew (including
   128 Americans)
- •Was eventually found to be carrying 4200 cases of ammunition

#### 1. Blockades



Note in Bottle After Lusitania Disaster

 The US sharply criticized Germany for their action

•Germany agreed not to sink passenger ships without warning in the future

#### 1. Blockades



Cross-channel ferry Sussex at

Boulogne after being torpedoed

in March 1916. The entire

forepart of the ship was destroyed

in the attack.

Germany responded to Wilson's demands on May 4 with what is called the "Sussex Pledge."

German submarine policy would henceforth be governed by promises to:

- >end the sinking of passenger ships
- search merchant ships for contraband
- make provisions for passengers and crews before sinking merchant ships

#### 2. Unlimited Submarine Warfare



•1917 Germany announced "unlimited submarine warfare" in the war zone

Why? Otherwise their blockade would not be successful

#### 3. Zimmerman Note

- •US intercepted a note from Germany to Mexico,
- •It promised Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona back in return for an alliance





Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

via Galveston

JAN 19 1917

GERMAN LEGATION

MEXICO CITY

17.694 18140 22260 15099 9110 

BEPNSTORFF.

Charge German Embassy.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

By Mach 9 Echloff Michigait

FROM 2nd from London # 5747.

"We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States of America neutral. In the event of this not succeeding, we make Mexico a proposal of alliance on the following basis: make war together, make peace together, generous financial support and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you. You will inform the President of the above most . secretly as soon as the outbreak of war with the United States of America is certain and add the suggestion that he should, on his own initiative, to Japan to immediate adherence and at the same time mediate between Japan and ourselves. Please call the President's attention to the fact that the ruthless employment of our submarines now offers the prospect of compelling England in a few months to make peace." Signed, ZIMMERMANN.

# Zimmerman Activity

- 1. <u>Decoding a Message</u>: In this exercise, students decode a fictitious message using a simple substitution code. As homework, students will write a message using the code, and then exchange the messages for decoding.
- 2. I will hand out the message you will decode, these are class copies please do not write on them. When you are finished, you need to write your own message that needs to decoded by another student. This message should relate to WWI, but should not have anything to do with the Zimmerman note. For example you may write a code about one of the 4 isms, to an alliance etc.

# What did it take to get the US involved?



•Zimmerman Note + the sinking of 4 unarmed American ships led to a declaration of war

# U.S. Entry into WWI Activity

Complete the assignment that follows.

# U.S. Enters WWI Use these events to complete your graphic organizer.

#### **Events**

- 1. American Newspapers Publish the Zimmerman Note
- 2. Senate declares war
- 3. Germany resumes full scale U-boat warfare
- 4. The Germans attack the SUSSEX

#### Significance:

- 1. Wilson breaks diplomatic ties;
- 2. Wilson orders the arming of American Merchant ships
- 3. United States joins the war on the Allied side
- 4. President Wilson threatens to cut diplomatic ties
- 5. The note probes German hostility
- 6. Germany makes the Sussex pledge

# Thinking Slide:

•Should we tell the story of WWI with Germany as the "bad guy"? Explain.

# How was the war looking for the allies?

#### Not Good...

 Russia left the war after its communist revolution in 1917

•Made it a one front war for Germany - all its troops could concentrate on France

# Convincing the American People



Posters - Gee!!

• How do you think this poster helped to convince the American people that the war was a good idea?

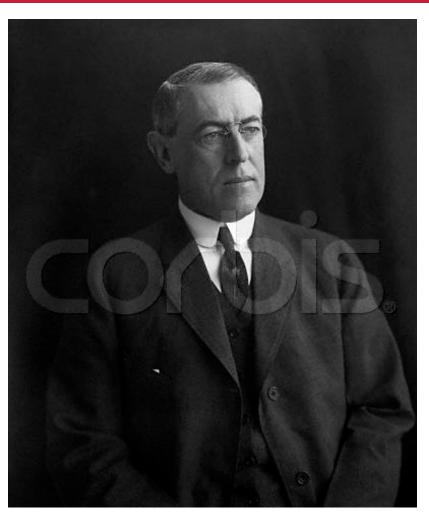
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### Idealism: 2 Goals For War:

- 1. War to End All Wars
- 2. Making the World Safe for Democracy

# Convincing the American People

## Idealism: Fourteen Points



**What?** President Wilson's Plan for after the war

•Fourteen promises, including freedom of the seas & a League of Nations to work for peace

President Woodrow Wilson

# What did the US do to help?

# Supplies:



•US provided the food, money, and fresh toops needed to win the war

#### How did the War Affect the US?

#### Women

Women filled factory jobs

•May have led 19th Amendment after the war (Gave women the right to vote)

## African Americans

- •Black soldiers still served in Segregated Units
- •"Great Migration" thousands of African Americans moved North to work in factories

#### How did the War Affect the US?

# Enforcing Loyalty

- •Hatred of all things German
  - •Ex. "Liberty Cabbage"
- •Espionage Act 1917 & Sedition Act of 1918 punished those against the war (many labor leaders)

