"MAIN" CAUSES OF WW1

M = Militarism
- Building up military, causing high spending & an arms race

A = Alliances
- Partnerships for economic & political reasons that become “sides” in war

I = Imperialism
- Large country dominates a smaller country to increase resources & power

N = Nationalism
- Extreme love & devotion for one’s own country; can instigate issues w/ nations

ALLIANCES, THE COMBATANTS & THE “BIG THREE”

Triple Entente — Russia, France & Great Britain
Triple Alliance — Germany, Austria-Hungary & Italy
*Both formed BEFORE war ever started!

Central Powers—Triple Alliance & Bulgaria
Allies—Triple Entente and Belgium    (Italy, Japan & US later)
*Assassination of Franz Ferdinand was the spark of the war!

The “Big Three”
Woodrow Wilson (USA)
David Lloyd George (GB)
Georges Clemenceau (FR)

Fronts & Action Plans

Schlieffen Plan—German plan to wipe out France before Russia could mobilize

WESTERN FRONT—fought in France
- Trench warfare—action used out of necessity; horrible conditions, many died in “no man’s land”

EASTERN FRONT—fought in Russia
- More mobile than West and covered more territory; disappeared when Russia left the war (Bolshevik Revolution—Lenin)

Reasons to go to war & New war technology

US reasons—wanted to stay isolated but...
1. Unrestricted submarine warfare—sank Lusitania
2. Blockades—limited US trade & restricted our trade partners
3. Zimmerman note—Telegraph from Germany to Mexico, promising them they’d get land back if they helped Germany

New war technology — never used in war before:
- Machine guns
- Poisonous gas
- Tanks
- Airplanes
- Submarines
- Plans

**Changed the strategy of war. Most tech created out of necessity of war and is still used in some format today

Total War—All country’s resources go toward the war effort in order to win it

- Gov’t influences production of goods & services needed for war
- Unemployment rate drops as people are put to work to assist with the war effort
- Food Rationing, bonds, “Victory Gardens”, etc. — everyone contributed any way they could!

- Propaganda—written, musical and verbal items used to persuade people to support the war effort

Two groups greatly influenced by WW1:

Women—worked in factories when their men went to war; wanted to keep working when war ended. Let to passage of 19th amendment in 1920 (women’s right to vote)

African-Americans—Segregation ideas began to change. Many moved North to alleviate some of the effects of racism and to get the factory jobs in the manufacturing areas of the North.
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**Effects of WWI**
- 9 million soldiers dead, 21 million soldiers wounded and 13 million civilians dead of disease and/or starvation
- Absolute monarchies of Europe were destroyed...opened up Europe for the Rise of Dictators leading to WWII
- Increased political & economic stability in Europe
- Established the U.S. as a major world power

**Wilson’s 14 Points**
- Freedom of the Seas and Trade
- Self-Rule for all nations
- End to secret alliances
- No punishment for Germany (Europe would not agree)
- League of Nations—organization to help settle future world problems peacefully
  - U.S. Congress would not agree and we never joined it!
  - Did lead to creation of the current United Nations

**TERMS**
- War of attrition—winner is whomever quits LAST
- Stalemate—state of deadlock where neither side has an advantage
- Neutrality (isolationism) - Staying out of war by not choosing sides in the conflict
- Empire—Goal of Imperialism, the idea of adding territory to improve land and financial superiority
- Communism—goal of Bolshevik Revolution, a type of gov’t where the gov’t controls all aspects of life.

**TREATY OF VERSAILLES** — signed @ 11th hour of 11th day of 11th month, 1918

**4 Key Points — remember “BRAT”**

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**Paris Peace Conference**
- “Big Three” & Orlando (Italy)
- Central Powers not invited, nor was Russia
- Wilson introduced 14 Points, Europe said no
- Treaty of Versailles signed—officially ended war

**TEST IS ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH!** We will do a study session Thursday of next week to prep for it.

GOOD LUCK! Mr. Knight