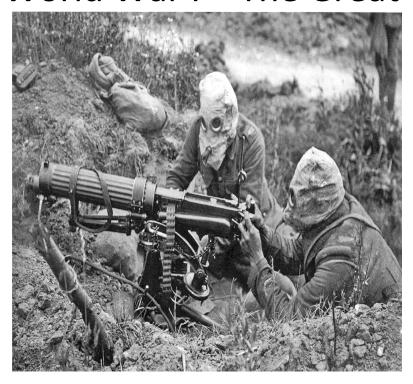
### World War I – The Great War aka The War to End all Wars



...that time when the Great War really sucked and Didn't End All Wars

### Do you Agree/Disagree and why?

Everyone hates war always. Nobody really wants war. But it sometimes happens.

World War I started in 1914. European nations felt very positive about war in 1914. Many important people wanted war. Each country wanted to show it was the best. The generals dressed up in their best clothes and made a parade through the cities of Paris, Berlin, Moscow, London, and Vienna. They felt nationalistic. They wanted to compete and show they were best.

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Nationalism was on fire!!! Each country wanted to show it was the best.

- England wanted to show it had the best factories and colonies for war.
- Germany wanted to show it had the best technologies for war.
- France wanted to show that they were the most powerful—the country of Napoleon. (not losers)
- Austria-Hungary and Russia wanted to show they were the strongest empires in Central Europe.

Europe was optimistic about war!

War was getting shorter. Maybe a little war would be good.

1337-1435 Hundred Years War	100+ years
1618-1648 30 Years War	30 Years
1754-1763 7 Years War	7+ Years
1780-1781 Franco-Prussian War	1

### Rewrite

- 1. European wars got longer and longer.
- 2. People in Europe felt <u>pessimistic and were afraid of wars.</u>
- 3. England wanted to show it had the best technology.
- 4. <u>Germany</u> wanted to show it had the best factories and colonies.
- 5. <u>Germany and France</u> wanted to show they were the strongest Empires in Central Europe.

# Complete

1. Did wars get <u>longer</u> or <u>shorter</u> over history in Europe?

2. Why do you think people felt optimistic about war?

3. What countries were involved in World War I?

Now before I tell you about what caused the war, let me describe the war:

#### World War I...

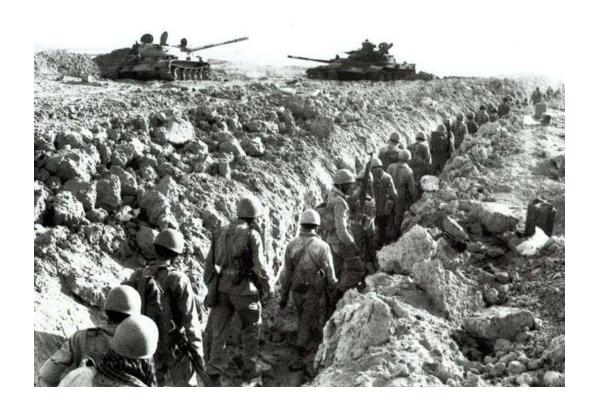
...wasn't fast. It lasted 4 years. It could've lasted forever if the USA didn't get involved.

...was the worst modern war yet. 37 million people died. Do you want to compare it? Only 3.5 million died with Napoleon.

...was craziness. Nobody knew how to win. People just died. 6,000 people died a day.

Why was World War I so different? Why did so many die?

World War I was trench warfare. A trench is tunnel in the ground. You put all your soldiers in the trench. Then you put barbed wire up around the trench. And you have some guys with a new weapon called the machine gun.





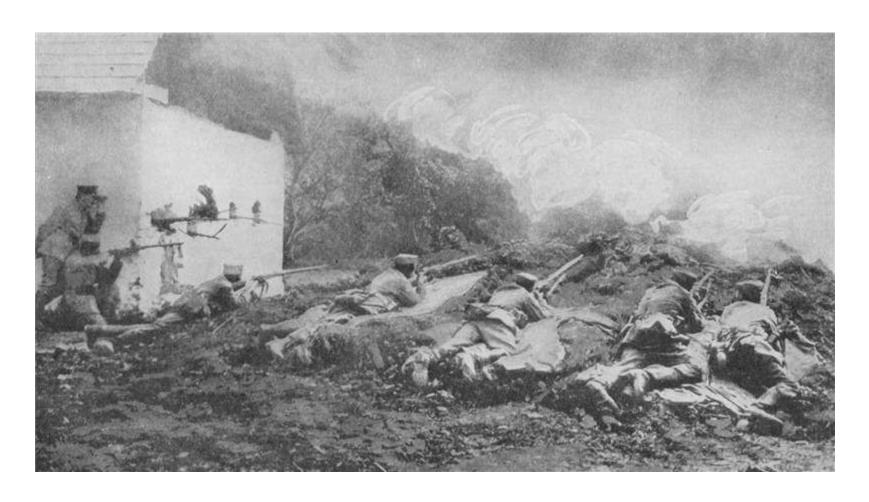
The goal is to get the other side's trenches. It's hard to get past the machine guns and barbed wire. So, they usually died along the way.

But once they got to the other guys side's trenches, they couldn't keep them for long. They had to watch out for shells, which are explosives. They usually had to retreat or go back.

Shells made soldiers crazy. There is a condition called SHELL SHOCKED, which means when you lose your mind.



There was also poison gas. They sent poison gas to kill the enemy. It wasn't illegal at this time.



This is poison gas.

There aren't any airplanes or too many tanks, so basically you get killed and nothing changes. Nobody gains territory. 6,000 men die every day for 4 years. This is trench warfare.

## Fill in

1. World War I was terrible because of \_\_\_\_\_\_. 2. Soldiers in World War I stayed in tunnels called . 3. The trenches were protected with a new type of gun called the 4. Explosions called \_\_\_\_\_ got dropped on the trenches. 5. \_\_\_\_\_ is a condition where you go crazy because of the explosions. 6. Armies also sent over clouds of \_\_\_\_\_\_ to kill the enemy. 7. During World War I, \_\_\_\_\_ people died each day.

### **Complete**

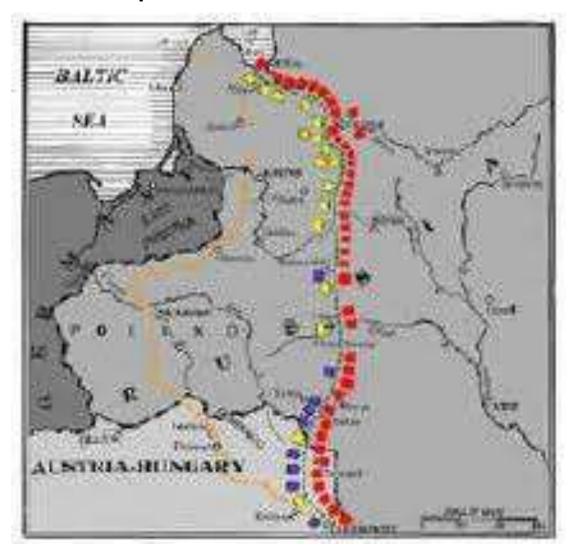
1. How long did World War I last?

2. Why was World War I so horrible?

3. Why are these guys wearing masks?



This map shows the "FRONT" where the trenches were.



It didn't MOVE!!!!

Most of World War I happens in the same 50 miles of territory. This is called the Front.

There are two fronts:

The Eastern Front and the Western Front.

The Central Powers fight England and France on the Western Front.

The Central Powers fight Russia on the Eastern Front.

Can you guess who the Central Powers are? Any ideas?

And can you guess why the war started? Any ideas?

The causes of World War I are all simple things to understand. You already have some idea.

### They are:

- Nationalism people loving their country
- Competition European countries competing
- Alliance system- different "teams" of countries
- Diplomatic Failure- fighting instead of talking
- Imperialism- European countries compete for colonies
- Militarism and Industrialization-???

Here is the story:

There is a big empire called Austria-Hungary. Austria-Hungary is in the middle of Europe.

The king of Austria-Hungary is German. But many of the people aren't German. They are Slavs. They are the same people as the Russians. We learned about Slavs in the first few weeks of school.

## Here are some beautiful Slavs from the internet:



The Slavic people like nationalism. They want independence and their own nation.

There is a group called the BLACK HAND. They want to kill someone important from Austria-Hungary to show them they mean business. So, when an important guy from Austria-Hungary visits the city of Sarajevo, he and his wife are shot. This is the assassination of Franz Ferdinand.



They die.



Austria-Hungary gets very angry. They want to punish someone. So, they threaten to attack a small country called Serbia. The Black Hand is based in Serbia.

Now, Serbia is very small, but they have a big friend. Their big friend is Russia. Russia and Serbia have an alliance.

If Austria-Hungary attacks Serbia, then Russia has to attack Austria-Hungary. These are the terms of the alliance.

Austria-Hungary is big. But they have an even bigger friend. They are allies with Germany. So, if Russia attacks Austria-Hungary, then Germany has to attack Russia.

Guess what? Russia has bigger friends, too. Germany is allied with France and England.

France and England are no joke. England has the biggest colonial Empire in the world. They have the most ships and most factories.

# Here's a map of the sides:



# Complete

1. There are two sides in World War I. What are they called?

### 2. Complete this chart:

Central Powers (2)	Triple Entente (3)

#### Rewrite

- 1. Franz Ferdinand is from <u>Serbia</u>.
- 2. The people who kill Franz Ferdinand are Germans.
- 3. Serbia has an alliance with Russia.
- 4. Austria-Hungary has an alliance with <u>France</u>.
- 5. Russia has an alliance with Germany and Austria-Hungary.

### Complete

6. What do you think alliance means?

So, there are two sides. They all have alliances. They are ready to back each other up. This is called the Alliance System.

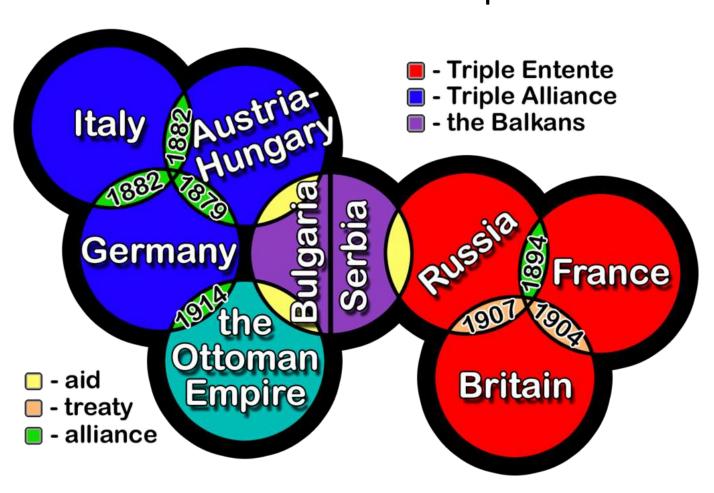
Alliance = a deal between countries = I will protect you if you are attacked.

### Do you Agree/Disagree and why?

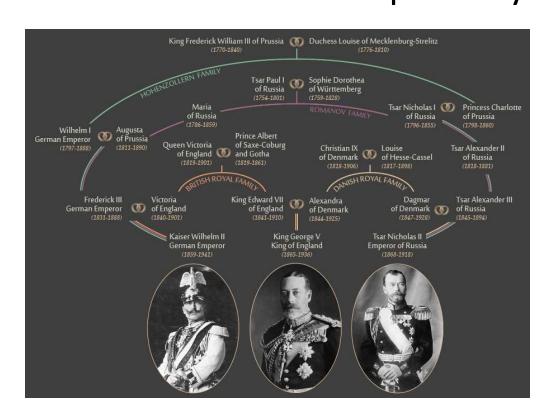
If somebody has my back, I am not likely to fight.

I'm going to fight if I am all alone and people are picking on me.

People in 1914 think that the <u>Alliance System</u> prevents wars. They think that nobody fights if everyone has an alliance. But, they are so nationalistic that they don't want to back down. This is the recipe for war.



World War I is a <u>diplomatic failure</u>. You need diplomacy to prevent war. Diplomacy is when countries talk to each other. When they don't talk, it's a failure. Nobody stops the war. The kings of Germany, Russia, and England are from the same family! But they can't stop the war. There are Alliances but no Diplomacy!



# Fill In

- 1. World War I is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ failure because nobody stops the war through diplomacy.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ is the way that countries communicate and talk to prevent wars.
- 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ system is also a failure because it causes war instead of preventing.

## Complete

- 1. How is World War I a problem with the Alliance System?
- 2. How is World War I a Diplomatic Failure?

Another cause of war is competition and imperialism.

Germany wants to be the big tough guys of Europe.

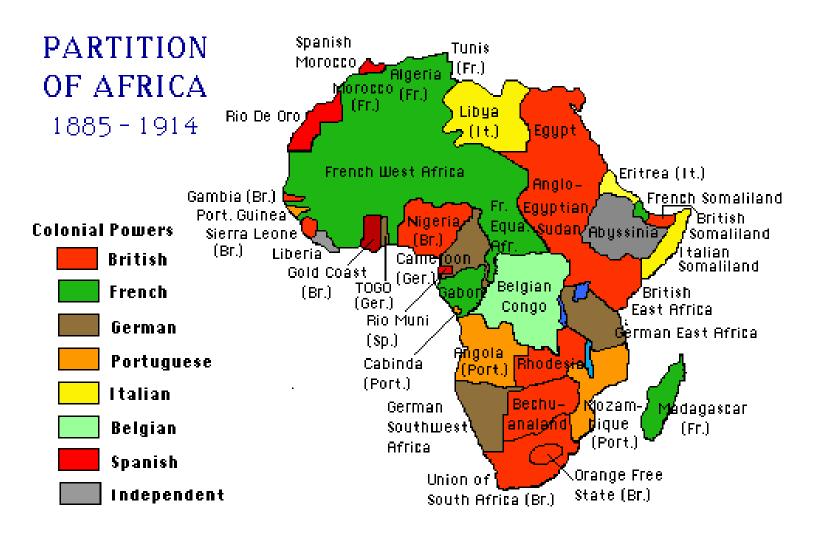
They believe that they are the best in Europe. They are pure Europeans. But they don't get respect.

Germany wants to compete. They want to win.

Germany disrespects France in the Franco-Prussian War. Remember Otto von Bismarck? He says "Blood and Iron" and Germany beats France in less than a year. But they don't get as much respect as they want.

The reason is that Germany doesn't have colonies in Africa and Asia like France and England. Germany isn't an imperial power.

This is the time of Imperialism. France and England divide up Africa. Germany gets very little.



Germany is brown.

France and England divide up Asia. Germany gets very little.



Germany can't compete for colonies. So they want to beat France and England in a war. They want to show them who's boss.



# Rewrite

- 1. <u>Germany</u> and <u>Austria</u> have many colonies in Africa and Asia.
- 2. England wants more colonies because they don't have any.

# Complete

1. How does Germany want to "compete?"

Finally, there is militarism and industrialization.

Militarism means when you make your army bigger. The new weapons are made in factories, so you need more factories.

<u>Industrialization</u> is the process of making more factories and railroads.

Germany and England were competing over <u>militarism</u>. England had a big navy and army. But Germany was growing very fast.

# **Summary Rewrite**

- 1. <u>Militarism</u> is how the European powers competed over colonies in Africa and Asia.
- 2.<u>Imperialism</u> describes how Germany and England competed over who had the biggest army.
- 3. <u>Nationalism</u> describes how European powers wanted to build many factories and railroads for war.
- 4. <u>Industrialization</u> becomes out of control as Europeans love their countries and aren't afraid of war.
- 5. <u>Diplomatic failure</u> describes the system of alliances between European powers.
- 6. <u>Alliance system</u> describes how European powers could have stopped the war by talking, but they didn't.

# Is this a cause of World War I or not?

	Yes or No
Religious hatred	No
Nationalism	
Racism	
Imperialism	
Nazism	
Fascism	
Competition	
Diplomatic Failures	
Alliance System	
Assassination of Franz Ferdinand	
Flying monkeys	

# Complete

1. What are the causes of World War I? What is the immediate cause?

World War I lasts 4 years. Nobody gets any territory because of trench warfare. And, nobody knows what to do. So, 6,000 people die each day. Some people think it's never going to end. But some things change in 1917...



We need to know some name of important people in 1917.

Kaiser Wilhelm-"Emperor of Germany"

He is the last "emperor" of Germany.

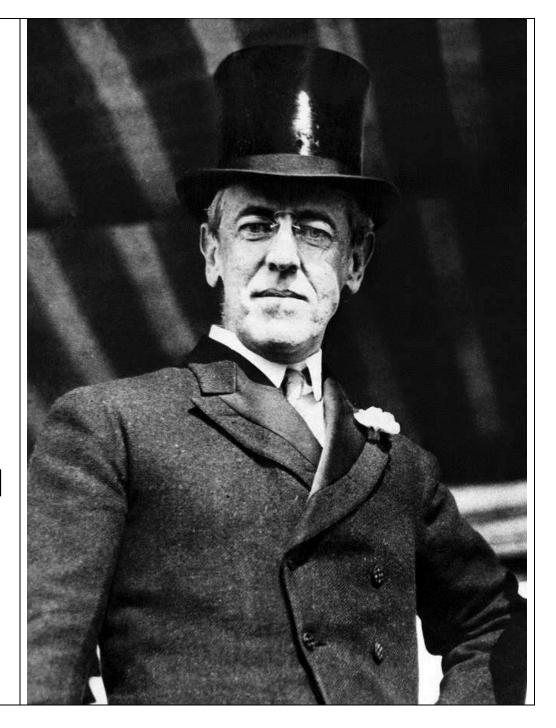
He escapes Germany because the war isn't going anywhere and the people don't respect him.



Woodrow Wilson-"President of USA"

He is president of the USA. He doesn't want the USA to get involved in war.

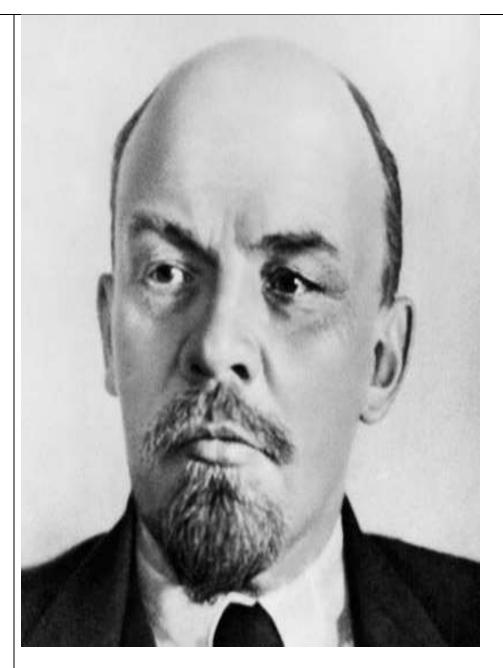
But, finally, they do get involved. He is important in the peace process called the Treaty of Versailles.



Vladimir Lenin-"Leader of Bolsheviks, Russia"

Lenin is the leader of the Communist Party in Russia. They are called the Bolsheviks.

The Communists wants to take over the government and make everyone equal. Sort of...



In 1917, there is a problem in Russia. There is a civil war. The Tsar of Russia is killed. Tsar = King.

Many different groups try to take over the government, but Vladimir Lenin's group wins. They start a new government. They are Communist. They are the USSR.



The Communists make peace with Germany. They say that they don't want to fight this war. They say: "World War I is for the old Tsars, not for the new Communists. We will make peace." So, Russia – now called the USSR – makes peace with Germany.

Russia is out. Germany thinks it's going to win.

They have a big advantage with Russia gone. They didn't have to fight on two sides anymore.

But something bigger happens... the USA enters the war.



The USA is *almost* the most powerful country in the world at this time. After World War I, they will be the most powerful.

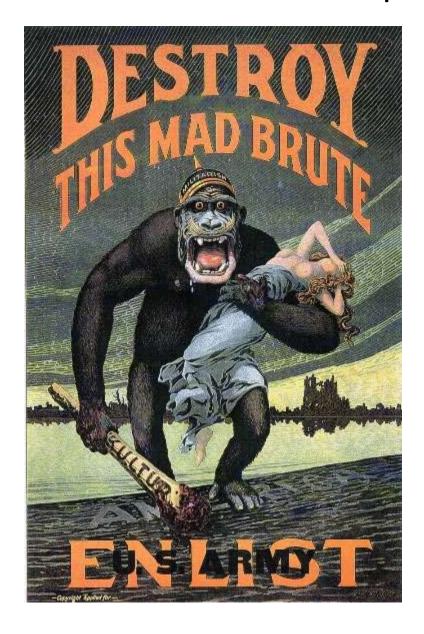
In 1917, they enter the war on the side of England, France, and Russia. So, even when Russia gives up, Germany still has a big problem.

What is the problem?

- -The USA is rich! They have weapons and supplies.
- -The USA is fresh! They are ready to fight.

Before 1917, the USA didn't want to get involved in the war. The President was Woodrow Wilson. He knew that American people wanted to be isolated. They didn't want to send their people to fight.

But there was a lot of propaganda against the Germans.

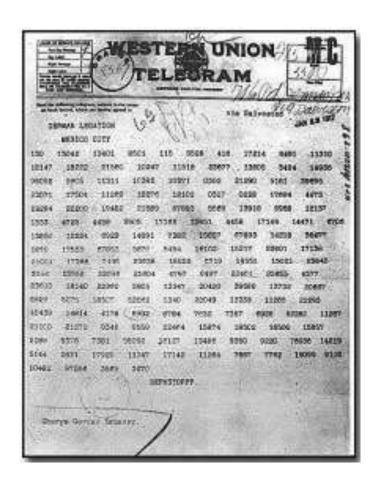


Germany also destroyed American ships. The Americans sent supplies to England. The Germans blew up some ships with Americans on them. The most famous is the Lusitania.



There was also a rumor called the Zimmerman telegram.

This telegram supposedly said that Germany wanted to make allies with Mexico, so they could take back Texas.



It was probably fake.

So, the USA enters. And Germany gets worried. There is a revolution in Germany. The German Emperor, who is called Kaiser Wilhelm, has to leave. He escapes. There is a new government in Germany. They are the Weimar Republic. They make peace with England, France, and the USA.

# World War I ends!

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# Rewrite

- 1. Kaiser Wilhelm is president of the USA.
- 2. Woodrow Wilson is emperor of Germany.
- 3. Vladimir Lenin leads a revolution of <u>nationalists</u> in Russia.
- 4. The USA enters World War I after the <u>Titanic</u> is destroyed by German submarines.
- 5. The USA wants to enter World War I as soon as possible.
- 6. After Kaiser Wilhelm escapes, <u>Russia</u> makes peace with France, England, and the USA.

# Complete

- 1. Russia became what country after the Communist Revolution?
- 2. Who was the leader of the Communists in Russia?
- 3. What do the Communists do about the war?
- 4. Why does the USA get in the war? (2 reasons)
- 5. What German leader escapes?
- 6. Who wins World War I?

### World War I wasn't called World War I.



It was called the Great War or the War to End All Wars.

If there's a World War I, that means there's going to be a...

