

World War 1 and Effects



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The Sides Of The Conflict



- **The Central Powers:** Ottoman Empire, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and Germany
- **The Allies:** Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, and eventually the United States

The Conflict Grinds Along



- Germany was facing a war on two fronts, they developed a battle strategy:
- The Schlieffen Plan: A plan that called for Swiftly defeating France in the West and then rushing East to fight Russia.
- Germany executed the plan, but it failed miserably after being defeated by the French forces in the First Battle of Marne
- Russia invaded Germany in the time lost during the failure of the Schlieffen Plan

Trench Warfare



- Trenches were built by the armies of the Western front for protection from enemy fire, large portions of WW1 were fought inside them.
- Life in the Trenches
 - Pure misery
 - Dirty, filled with mud, swarmed with rats
 - Fresh food nonexistent, sleep impossible.
- The Western front was later known as the “terrain of death” stretching over 500 miles with trenches.



New War Technology



- What made WW1 so special was that it was the first massive scale conflict with the new and advanced technologies of the time.
- New Warfare Technologies
 - Poison gas, first introduced by Germans.
 - Machine Gun, could wipe out waves of attackers.
 - Tank, armored combat vehicle introduced by the British at the Battle of the Somme
 - Submarine, introduced by Germans and utilized an underwater missile called a torpedo

Problems in Russia



- Russia was beginning to collapse, because unlike the rest of the world, they had yet to fully industrialize and was not ready for such a massive conflict.
- The Allies had to support Russia with shipments of food, ammo, clothes, ect.
- The only Asset Russia had was its large populations and territory.

The U.S. Joins the Fight



- Germans were using the Unrestricted Submarine Warfare policy, which was their submarines would sink any ship without warning around the water of Britain.
- The Germans sank the *Lusitania*, killing over 1,000 people, 128 of which were American citizens. Outraged, president Woodrow Wilson sent concerns to Germany, making stop their policy.
- However, they continued this policy soon after. The last straw was when The Zimmermann Telegraph was intercepted from Germany being sent to Mexico. It stated that Germany would help Mexico reclaim its land that America took from them. America officially joined the war in 1917.

WW1 Becomes Total War



- Shortly after the U.S. joined the war, WW1 became a total war, meaning the countries participating in it were devoting all their resources towards the war.
- War took control of many country's economies. Non-war related factories were taken and made things such as ammunition.
- Goods were in such short supply, that countries turned to rationing, which meant citizens could buy only small amounts of items needed for war.

Women and the War



- Since most of the men were at war, it was up to the women to take care of things while they were gone.
- Thousands of women replaced men's jobs in factories, shops, and offices.
- Some women joined the war, they were nurses and help treat the wounded.
- This time showed society how capable women actually are.



Allies Win the War



- Thanks to help of the U.S., the allies were able to win the war after the defeat of the German forces during the Second Battle of Marne.
- The Central Powers Collapse
 - Russia withdraws in March 1917
 - Bulgarians and the Ottoman Turks shortly after
 - On November 9, 1918 The leader of Germany, Kaiser Wilhelm II, steps down and Germany declares itself as a republic
- On November 11, 1918 World War 1 is officially over.

The Allies Meet and Debate



- The Allies Blamed WW1 entirely on Germany, so they were punished heavily in the Treaty of Versailles.
- This treaty forced Germany to pay the Allies heavy reparations, and forced them to give up much of their land.
- Several new nations were formed from the separation of Austria-Hungary
- The Ottoman Turks were forced to give up almost all of their former empire.



