**World War I**

**Long Term Causes (MAIN)**

* Militarism
	+ Germany ~ best army; Great Britain ~ best navy
	+ Conscription:
* Alliances
	+ Triple Alliance: Austria-Hungary, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Italy
	+ Triple Entente: Great Britain, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and Russia
* Imperialism
* Nationalism
	+ Unification of Italy and Germany
* System of Alliances ~ web of treaties to protect themselves
	+ 3 Emperors League (1873) – Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia
		- fell apart over the rivalries
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1882) – Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy
		- Replaced 3 Emperors League
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1907) – Great Britain, France, Russia
		- Reaction to Triple Alliance

**Nationalism in the Balkans**

* Ottoman Empire collapsed by mid 1800s
* Region fought over by Austria-Hungary and Russia
* Congress of Berlin (1878)
	+ Divided Bulgaria into 3 parts
	+ Gave Bosnia & Herzegovina to Austria-Hungary
	+ Cyprus given to Britain
	+ Independence given to Serbia, Montenegro, & Romania
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Spark**

* Archduke \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, visited Sarajevo, Bosnia on June 28, 1914
* Serbian Nationalist Group, the Black Hand plotted an assassination
* He survived the first attempt, but his driver took a wrong turn & Gavrilo Princip killed the Archduke and his wife
* A-H issued an ultimatum to Serbia
	+ Serbia should put down subversive movements
	+ A-H can conduct their own murder investigation
* Serbia agreed to the first part, but not the second
* July 28, 1914 – A-H declared war on Serbia

**System of Alliances Begin to Kick in**

* Germany gives A-H a “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” of support
* Russia mobilized against A-H and Germany
* Germany delivers an ultimatum to Russia to stop, and one to France to not back Russia
* Ultimatums are ignored and Germany declared war on Russia and France
* Germany invades France through neutral Belgium
* G.B. tells Germany to leave Belgium or face war
* Germany refuses, G.B. declares war on August 4, 1914

**The World Divides**

The Allied Powers

* Advantages
	+ G.B.’s naval superiority
	+ Manpower: 40 million vs. 21 million
* Strategy
	+ - French attack at Alsace-Lorraine
		- Russians attack East Prussia

The Central Powers

* Advantages
	+ Germany’s superior army
	+ Greater mobility
* Strategy
	+ - French army not near Belgium, Russia unindustrialized
	+ Failed: France and Russia mobilized quicker than expected
	+ Germany was forced to split their army & fight a two front war

**The War Begins: 1914**

* First Battle of the Marne
	+ Western front
	+ French mobilization forced Germany to abandon the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Trench warfare emerges
		- Eventually spread 200 miles
		- German trenches had a tactical advantage
		- The front did not move more than 10 miles in either direction for the next 3 years
* Battle of Tannenberg
	+ Eastern front
	+ Russians defeated and ended any serious threat to Germany’s eastern border
	+ Russia technologically inferior
	+ Russians were successful against A-H

**1915**

* Emergence of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ First used by the Germans at the Second Battle of Ypres
	+ 1 million casualties during the war
* Germany’s submarine warfare
	+ Began blockade of England in February to prevent supplies for war
	+ *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* sunk in May will anger the U.S.
		- To prevent U.S. from entering the war Germany restricted the U-boats
* Gallipoli Campaign
	+ British attempt to knock the Ottomans out of the war
	+ Mostly fought by Aussies & New Zealanders
	+ Failed w/ 50k dead
	+ Turks led by Kemal (founder of Turkey) and a German general

**1916**

* Italy switched to the Allied side in 1915
	+ Fought A-H in 4 battles, but gained little ground
* Battle of Jutland: only major naval battle of the war w/ a German victory
* Battle of Verdun
	+ German attempt to break the stalemate
	+ 1 million men killed
* Battle of the Somme
	+ Allied attempt to break the stalemate
	+ British had a 6:1 advantage
	+ Over 1 million dead, 60k British killed on the first day
	+ First use of tanks; line advanced only 7 miles

**1917**

* Germany adopted unrestricted submarine warfare
	+ Sinking of ships by U-boats, along with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ caused U.S. to enter the war on the side of the allies (April 6th)
* Allies had many failures in 1917
	+ Heavy casualties & few advancements
	+ War weariness sets in w/ mass desertion, mutinies, & protests at home
* Bolshevik Revolution in Nov. causes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Germany agrees to an armistice
	+ Germany now fighting a 1 front war
* Birth of Total War

**1918**

* March – 1 million fresh, well-supplied American troops arrive in France
* Second Battle of the Marne
	+ Germans were within 40 miles of Paris
	+ Americans played a vital role
	+ Considered the turning point of the war
* Armistice
	+ Ottomans: October 30
	+ A-H: November 3
	+ Germans: **November 11 at 11 am**
		- Kaiser forced to abdicate
		- Ended the war, called Armistice Day