**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