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Erich Maria Remarque - All Quiet on the Western Front



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The Alliances—Before War Starts

- Triple Alliance
 - Germany
 - Austria-Hungary
 - Italy
- Triple Entente
 - France
 - Russia
 - Great Britain

EUROPE 1914





Crisis Event (Background)

- Nationalism in the Balkans
 - Ottoman empire declining
 - Russia and Austria compete for control of new nations
 - Austria-Hungary annexes Bosnia in 1908 - Serbia MAD!



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June 28, 1914



Crisis Event-The Spark



- Assassination of the Archduke
 - Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria visits Bosnian capital (June 28, 1914)
 - Gavrilo Princip of the Black Hand shoots Archduke and wife



SHORT-TERM CAUSES OF WWI

- 1. Russia supported Serbia
- 2. A-H got support from Germany
- 3. A-H issued Serbia an ultimatum—
investigation of assassination OR War
- 4. Serbia said yes to all but one of the
conditions
- 5. A-H declared war on Serbia
- 6. R., Fr., & G.,--Mobilized



Short-term continued . . .

- 7. G. & R. declared war on each other
- 8. G. invaded Belgium
- 9. Britain defended Belgium & declared war on Germany

- World War I 1914-1918

The Alliance System Leads to War!



- Russia supported Serbia
- Germany supported Austria-Hungary
- Within one week, almost all of Europe at war
 - Germany declares war on Russia and France
 - Britain declares war on Germany

Quiz on WWI

- On a separate piece of paper, draw a simple picture of a powder keg (like the one below), as a metaphor for the outbreak of WWI
- In the powder keg, list the prewar conditions and tensions in Europe (long term causes)
- Then label the fuse and the spark with the events that caused the prewar tensions to explode into war!!



And all this madness, all this rage, all this flaming death of our civilization and our hopes, has been brought about because a set of official gentlemen, living luxurious lives, mostly stupid, and all without imagination or heart, have chosen that it should occur rather than that any one of them should suffer some rebuff to his country's pride.

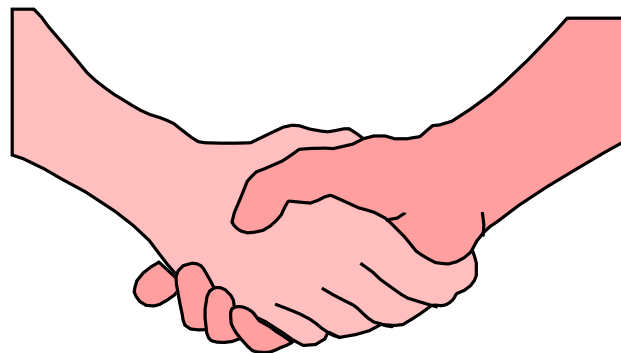
Bertrand Russell



Alliances and Fronts of the War

■ The Alliances

- Allies: Britain, France, Russia, Belgium and (Italy)
- Central Powers: Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Ottoman Empire





The Western Front

- The Schlieffen Plan (Germany)
 - “Paris for lunch, dinner in St. Petersburg.”
 - take France quickly and then turn to fight Russia
 - instead, battle lines formed in northeastern France and changed little
 - fighting was characterized by long battles that took 100’s of thousands of lives, but gained almost no ground for either side



The Western Front

- Why did Germany have the Schlieffen Plan & why did it fail?



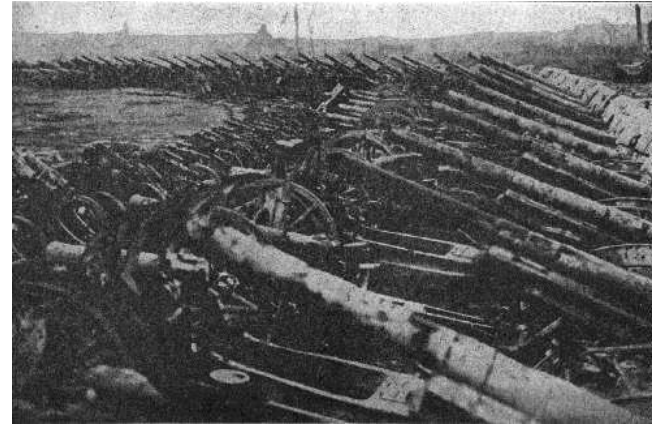
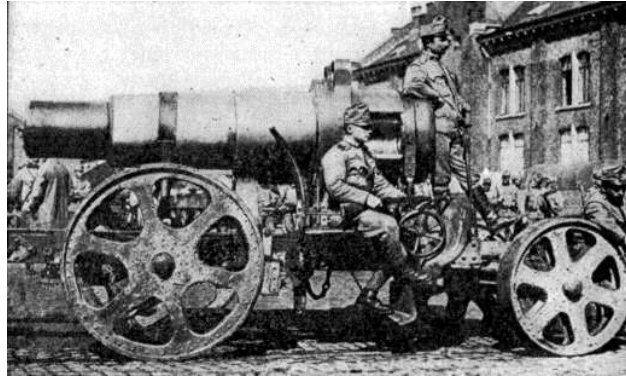
New Weapons Used in WWI

■ The Machine Gun

- modern machine guns replaced single-fire short range rifle

■ Artillery

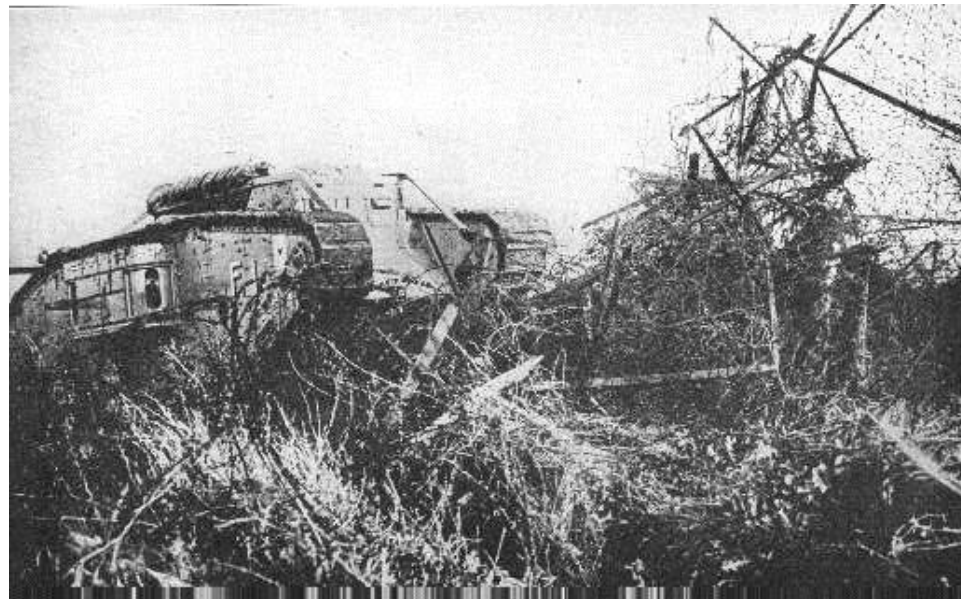
- great power and carried much further
- 24 million shells used in Battle of Verdun alone

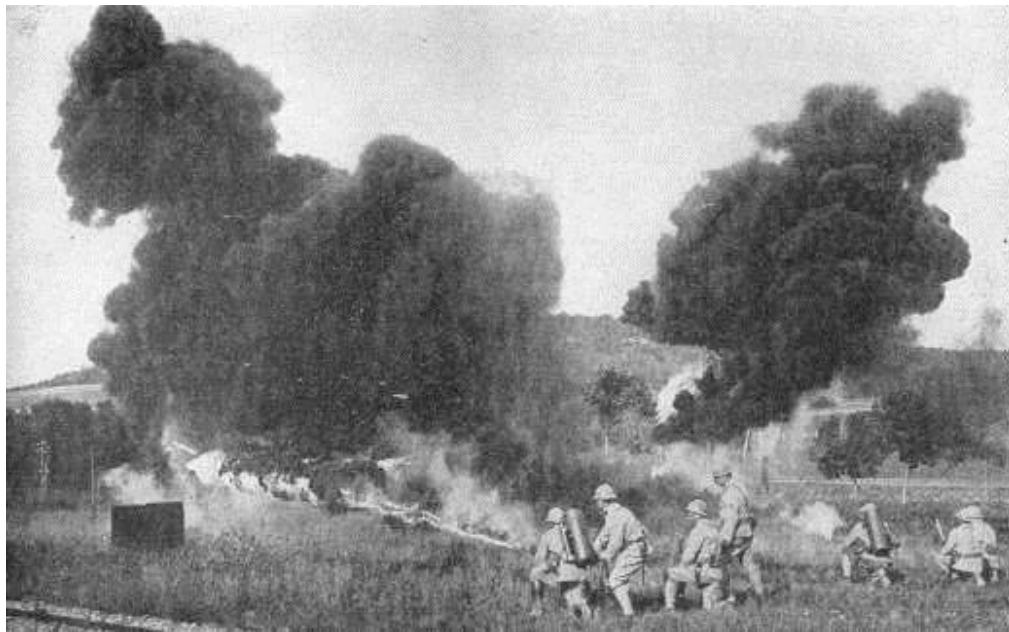




Weapons of the Industrial Age

- 75 different types of poison gas bombs
- flame throwers
- tanks
- airplanes
- submarines







Casualties of Modern Weaponry

- Tactics of sending masses of men toward enemy didn't work against modern weapons
- total losses of WWI exceeded 10 million





Q-Notes Topic:

Impact of Modern Weapons

- Essential Question: How did modern warfare impact soldiers, civilians, leaders of the time?

Confronted with this deadlock, military art remained dumb; the Commanders and their General Staffs had no plan except the frontal attack which all their experience and training had led them to reject; they had no policy except that of exhaustion.
Winston S. Churchill - *The World Crisis*



The Reality of Soldiers' Lives

*I kneel behind the soldier's trench,
I walk ' mid shambles, smear and stench,
The dead I mourn;
I bear the stretcher and I bend
O'er Fritz and Pierre and Jack to mend
What shells have torn*

John Finley - *The Red Cross Spirit Speaks*





Trench Warfare

- The Race to the Sea
 - 475 miles of trenches dug across northern Europe
- Life in Trenches
 - Charging over the top, crossing no mans land
 - boring, terrifying = shell shock
 - horrible living conditions
 - POISON GAS!!!!



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- Why did Germany have the Schlieffen Plan & why did it fail?
- How did the new weapons impact the fighting in WWI? [Hint: Why trenches?]

We set to work to bury people. We pushed them into the sides of the trenches but bits of them kept getting uncovered and sticking out, like people in a badly made bed. Hands were the worst; they would escape from the sand, pointing, begging - even waving! There was one which we all shook when we passed, saying, "Good morning," in a posh voice. Everybody did it. The bottom of the trench was springy like a mattress because of all the bodies underneath...

Leonard Thompson - quoted in
Ronald Blythe, *Akenfield*



No Man's Land

But No Man's Land is a goblin sight
When patrols crawl over at dead o' night
Boche or British, Belgian or French,
You dice with death when you cross the trench

James H. Knight-Adkin
No Man's Land



Poison Gas



Effects of Poison Gas



Incredible Destruction





War of Attrition

VERDUN, France

- 1 million dead in 6 months
- “They shall not Pass”



War of Attrition SOMME, France

- 1 million casualties in 6 months



Das zerstörte Péronne

Q-notes: Essential Question:

How does WWI end & what was its impact?



The Eastern Front

- Lack of modern technology caused many Russian defeats
- **RUSSIAN REVOLUTION!!**
- Treaty of Brest-Litovsk - lost 1/4 of country and population







The Italian Front

- Italians join allies in 1915 and fight Austria-Hungary



The Balkan Front

- The Allies abandoned attempts to land in the Balkans after losing

Effects of the War on the Home Front





Mobilizing for Total War

Total war- utilizing all resources in the war effort, huge sacrifices on civilians at home

Governments had strong control over industry and society to insure war needs were met

Many food and materials were rationed (rubber, fuel, metal etc.)

Civilians were encouraged to grow Victory Gardens (their own food) so that farms could produce for the soldiers

Germany- all men between the ages 17-60 who were not at the front had to work wherever the government needed them

1916-England introduced conscription (draft) in order to combat Germany's army

Many men from British colonies served in the British army.

War Gardens Victorious



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Every War Garden a Peace Plant—

— Charles Lathrop Pack, President.

NATIONAL WAR GARDEN COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

A POSTER FOR 1919, SYMBOLIC OF VICTORY



Be Patriotic
**sign your country's
pledge to save the food**

U.S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION



New Jobs for Women

- The role of women in w. Europe changed dramatically because of the war

With nearly 65 million men mobilized on both sides of the war, women's employment shifted to the civil and industrial jobs (traditionally held by men)

- Women worked with munitions and chemicals, as train conductors, secretaries, bus drivers, bank tellers, fire fighters, and construction workers.

- In Britain alone women employment rose by approx. 1 million

Women working in munitions factory





The Beginning of the End

- Russia signs Brest-Litovsk Treaty- Early 1918—Tsar Abdicated—later a civil war leads he & family being shot
- U.S enters the war- Spring 1917
 - 1915-German u-boats torpedoed a British liner Lusitania (suspected of carrying weapons), killing 128 Americans Germany agrees to give warning before torpedoing
 - 1917- Germany goes back to unrestricted submarine action

The US Enters the War

- Unrestricted submarine warfare
 - German submarine attacks on merchant and passenger ships
 - British liner *Lusitania* sunk! – 1200 killed (128 Americans killed)





US Enters the War

- ****The Zimmerman Note****
 - 1917- Britain intercepted a German telegraph to its prime minister in Mexico, The Zimmerman Note
 - In the note Germany asked Mexico to help them fight the Americans and distract them from the war in Europe. In return Germany would help Mexico to regain N.Mex., TX, and AZ.
 - Britain gave the telegraph to the U.S government
 - **U.S public becomes outraged and supports joining the war.**



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SOME PROMISE!

April 1911

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
Fast Day Message	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Day Letter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Night Message	<input type="checkbox"/>
Night Letter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrons should mark an X opposite the class of service desired. OTHERWISE THE TELEGRAM WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS A FAST DAY MESSAGE.	

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

M.C.	
Date	
3300	
Time Paid	

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

via Galveston

JAN 19 1917

GERMAN LEGATION
MEXICO CITY

130	13042	13401	8501	115	3528	416	17214	6491	11310
18147	18222	21560	10247	11518	23677	13805	3494	14938	
98092	5905	11311	10392	10371	0302	21290	5101	39695	
23571	17504	11269	18276	18101	0317	0228	17694	4473	
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The End Comes

- Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire were the 1st Central Powers to be defeated
- Austria-Hungary fell to the pressures from Italy and ethnic minority revolts within the empire
- Germany gave on last big offensive- troops became tired and could not resist the Allies counter-attack
- Uprising began to show trouble within Germany
- Kaiser Wilhelm II step down and went into exile in the Netherlands 11/4/1918
- The new German gov't signed agreement to end fighting on 11th month, 11th day, 11th hour- November 11, 1918 (Armistice Day)



Voices of Despair

- The effects of modern warfare also affected European life at home.
- The public was horrified by the # of deaths, and injuries (amputations, burns and shell shock)
- Pop. culture that was once filled with patriotic songs now reflected hatred towards the war. (Lost Generation)



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