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LECTURE (Day) #1: Causes,

Conducting the War, Total War, & Home Front

(Mrs. Osborn usually takes 3 class days for this lecture. Take it bit by bit & email Mrs. Osborn if you have any questions OR comments. I'd love to answer your questions & hear your opinions.)

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AMSCO: Unit 7 Readings (pp. 451-539)

As 1900-Present will NOT be tested on this year's AP Exam, I have cancelled any required AMSCO readings for this time period.

HOWEVER, the unit readings are still posted (in Contemporary Era, 1900-Present section) Feel free to read.

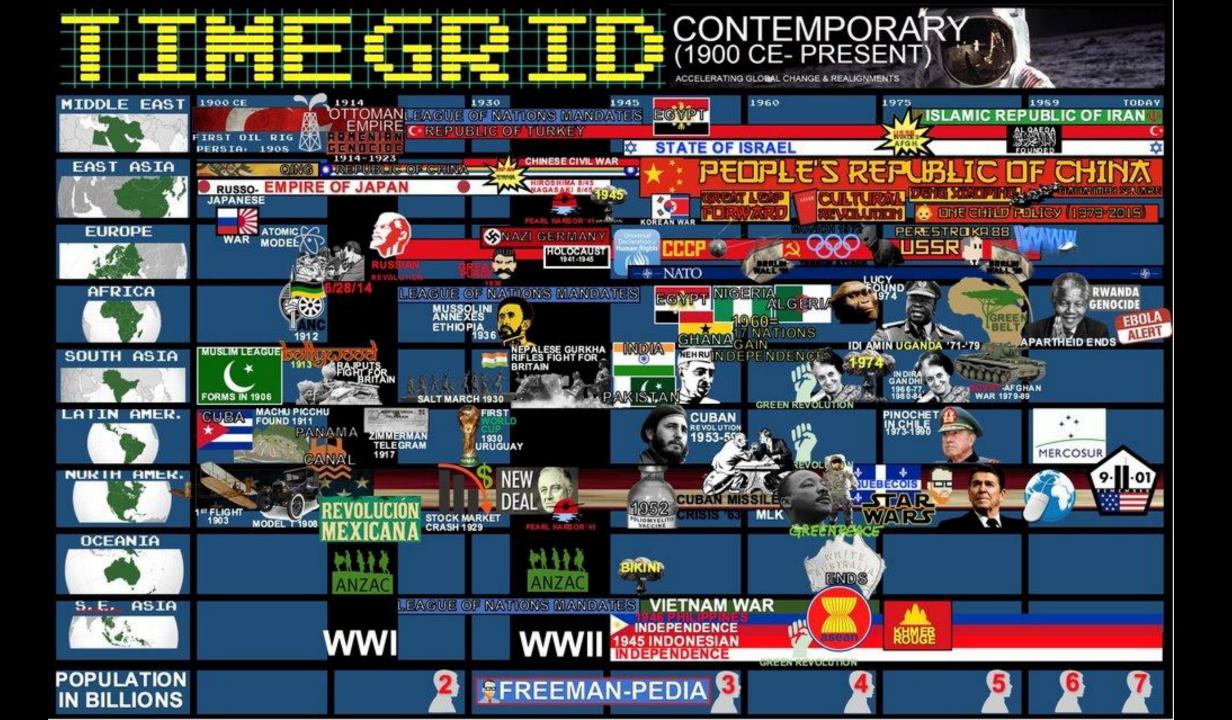
REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS DUE BY FRIDAY, 4/3:

- READING/COMMENT on School Closings during the 1918 Spanish Flu & COVID-19 Pandemics (available in Google Classroom)
- <u>EIGHT</u> EDPUZZLES on World War I, Interwar Years, & World War II (available in Google Classroom)

AP Learning Objectives covered throughout AP Unit 7

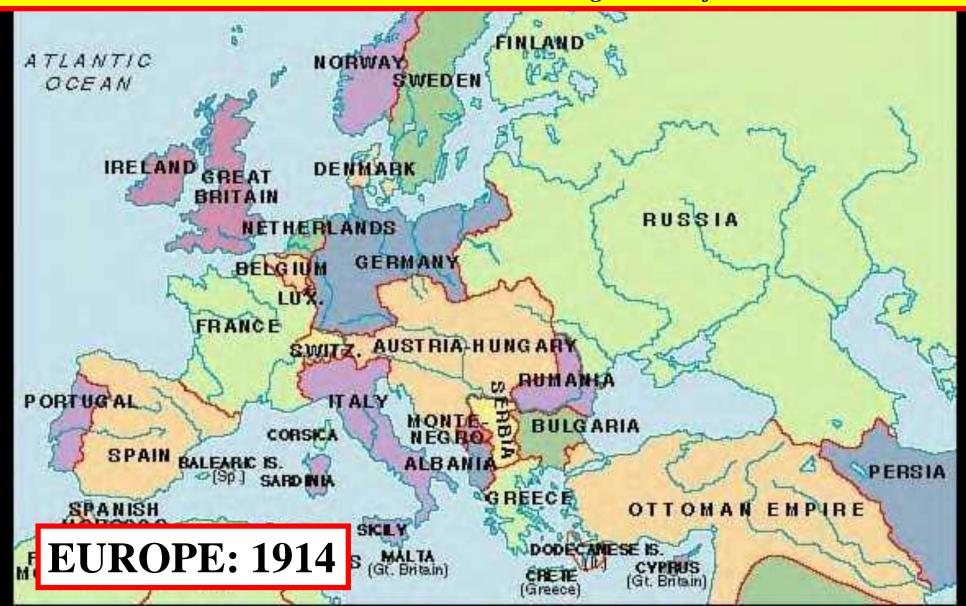
- AP Topic: World War I (1914-1918), Contemporary Era, 1900-Present (AP Unit 7)
- <u>Learning Objectives</u> are what you must be able to demonstrate on the AP Exam (*multiple-choice*, *SAQ*, *DBQ* & *LEQ*) so keep in mind as you take Cornell Notes or fill in PIECES chart <u>FOR THIS LECTURE POWERPOINT</u>:
- NOTE: These objectives will NOT be tested on this year's AP Exam. This is just for your own info/learning experience.
 - > Explain how internal & external factors contributed to change in various states after 1900.
 - > Explain the causes & consequences of World War I.
 - > Explain how governments used a variety of methods to conduct war.
 - > Explain how different governments responded to economic crisis after 1900.
 - > Explain the continuities and changes in territorial holdings from 1900 to the present.
 - > Explain the causes and consequences of World War II.
 - > Explain similarities and differences in how governments used a variety of methods to conduct war.
 - > Explain the various causes and consequences of mass atrocities in the period from 1900 to the present.
 - > Explain the relative significance of the causes of global conflict in the period 1900 to the present.





Watch Short YouTube Video: The War to End All Wars???

NEED TO KNOW AP HD: World War I was the first total war. The causes of World War I included imperialist expansion & competition for resources. In addition, territorial & regional conflicts combined with a flawed alliance system & intense nationalism to escalate the tensions into global conflict.



WORLD WAR I CAUSES & CONTEXT: MINA

- 1. MILITARISM → aggressive arms race (battleship competition between Germany & Britain)
- 2. <u>IMPERIALISM</u> → Western Europe competes for new colonies & spheres of influence.
- 3. NATIONALISM → Balkan States (SERBIA) want independence from Austrian-Hungarian Empire.
- **4.** <u>ALLIANCE SYSTEM</u> → Countries in Europe had formed alliances with each other

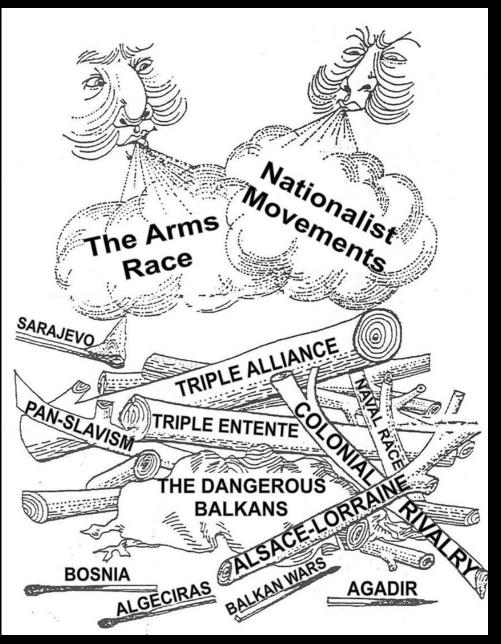
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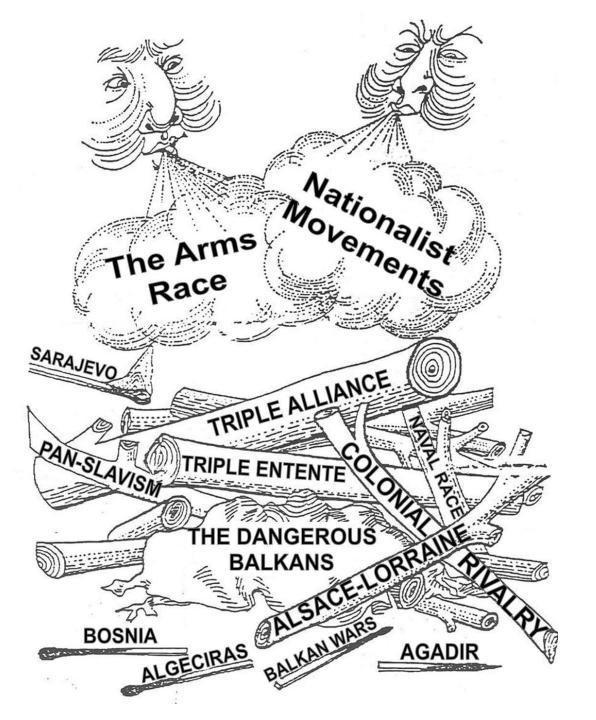
- TRIPLE ALLIANCE (CENTRAL POWERS)
- GERMANY → KAISER WILHELM (William) II
- AUSTRIA-HUNGARY → Franz (Francis)
 Joseph
- OTTOMAN EMPIRE → Mehmed V
- TRIPLE ENTENTE (ALLIES)
- GREAT BRITAIN → King George V
- FRANCE → Premier George Clemenceau
- RUSSIA → Tsar Nicholas II
- USA (enters war in 1917) → PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON
- Rap Battle WW1 Uncut BBC (Disclaimer: contains some offensive language)



The 'Match' that sets the world on fire...

- Balkan States: FRANZ FERDINAND (heir to Austrian-Hungarian Empire) ASSASSINATED in SARAJEVO (by SERBIAN NATIONALIST group, the Black Hand)
- Germany backs Austria →
- Russia backs the Serbs → mobilizes army
- GERMANY DECLARES WAR ON RUSSIA!
- FRANCE & GREAT BRITAIN DECLARE WAR ON GERMANY!
- WAR BEGINS!





What is this political cartoon depicting?

Watch short YouTube video: WORLD WAR I BEGINS

Which ally is MISSING from this British WWI postcard?

The USA, which didn't enter the war until April 1917. Therefore, I can infer this postcard was printed *BEFORE* 1917.





GERMAN SCHLIEFFEN PLAN Objective: hold the Russians & take Paris WAR ON 2 FRONTS

SCHLIEFFEN PLAN FAILS

- At **BATTLE OF THE MARNE**, Allies hold German troops in eastern France
- STALEMATE → Dig In!
- TRENCH WARFARE begins!
- BATTLE OF VERDUN → in 1916
- 700,000 lives lost.
- Becomes WAR OF ATTRITION
- <u>Objective</u>: Make other side give up by creating mountains of corpses

World War I was when the old world became the new. Here, a German cavalryman wears a gas mask and carries a long spear or pole, from two different ages of war.

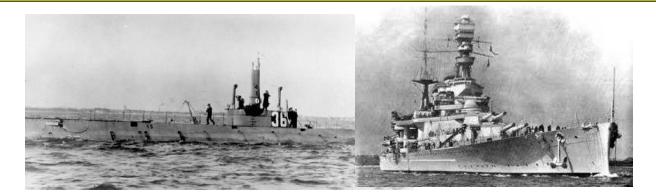


QUIZ GAME – GIVE IT A TRY: What Came Out Of World War I?



Machine gun & long-range artillery

NEED TO KNOW AP HD: New military technology led to increased levels of wartime casualties.





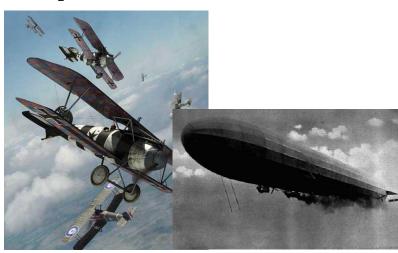
Poison gas



tanks



grenades



airplanes & zeppelins

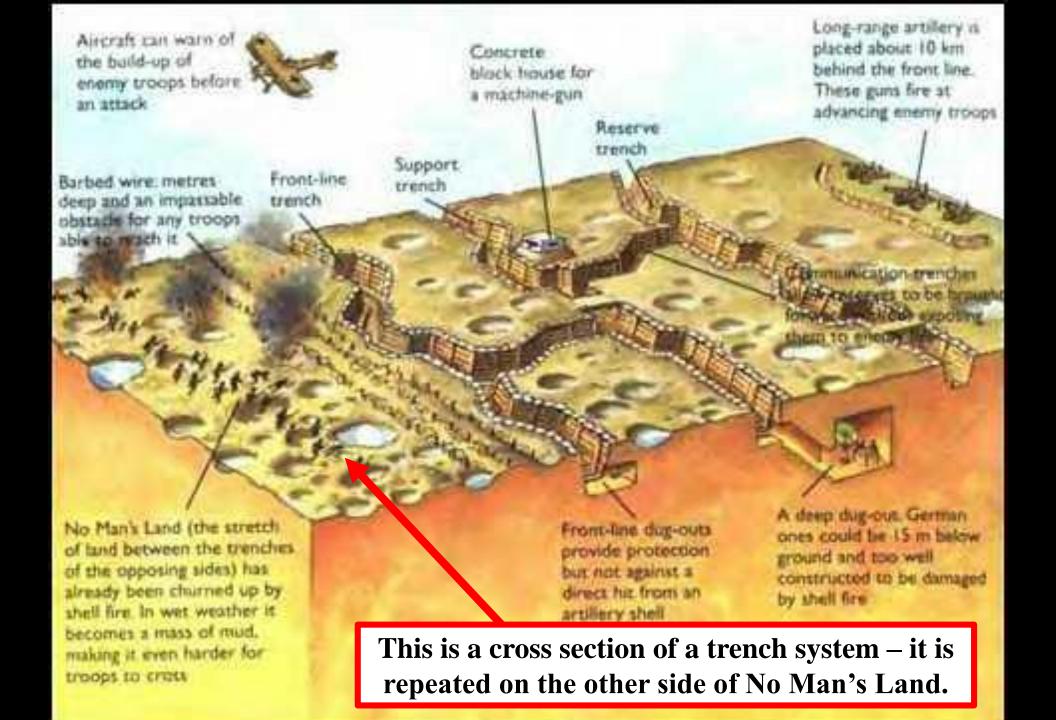
RESULT -> LONG DISTANCE DEATH RARELY SEE THE FACE OF THE ENEMY

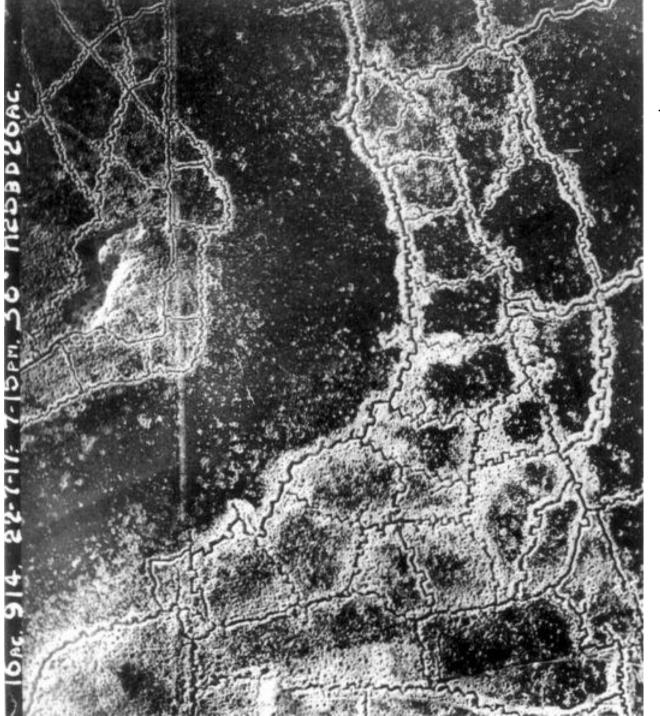


TRENCH WARFARE



What kind of living conditions do you think trench warfare created?





An aerial photograph of the opposing trenches and no-man's land in Artois, France, July 22, 1917.

German trenches are at the right and bottom, British trenches are at the top left. The vertical line to the left of center indicates the course of a pre-war road.

Verdun Battlefield Today







MAKING ARTISTIC USE OF SHELL CASES, PRENCH SOLDIERS AS CRAFFORES IN A COLDIERS

The war has been prolific in bringing about the unconventional, in great things and in small, and our photographs Bustrate two very interesting examples. In the first is seen a French soldier who has applied his ingenuity to the work of fashioning violins out of the metal of "75" shell-cases, with satisfactory effect. In our second picture another form of pursuing artistic industries

under difficulties is seen, the poilius in this instance dealing with the same material, out of which they feshion shapely lamps and flower-vases. With a nation like the French, the innate artisity will find a way of expression even amid the unpropilious conditions of active service, and with, also, the least inviting of materials upon which to work.—[French Official Photograph.]

TRENCH ART

Soldiers often busied themselves picking up spent shells, decorating them, & sending home as souvenirs.

(Have you noticed the trench art shell Mrs.
Osborn has sitting on the shelf underneath our TV?)



Watch 3 short YouTube videos:

- 1) Trench Warfare
- 2) Trench Warfare #2
 - 3) Gas Warfare



Watch short YouTube video: The Home Front – Women & War Work



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LECTURE (Day) #2:
Russian Revolution,
USA enters the war,
Propaganda

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The Russian Revolution



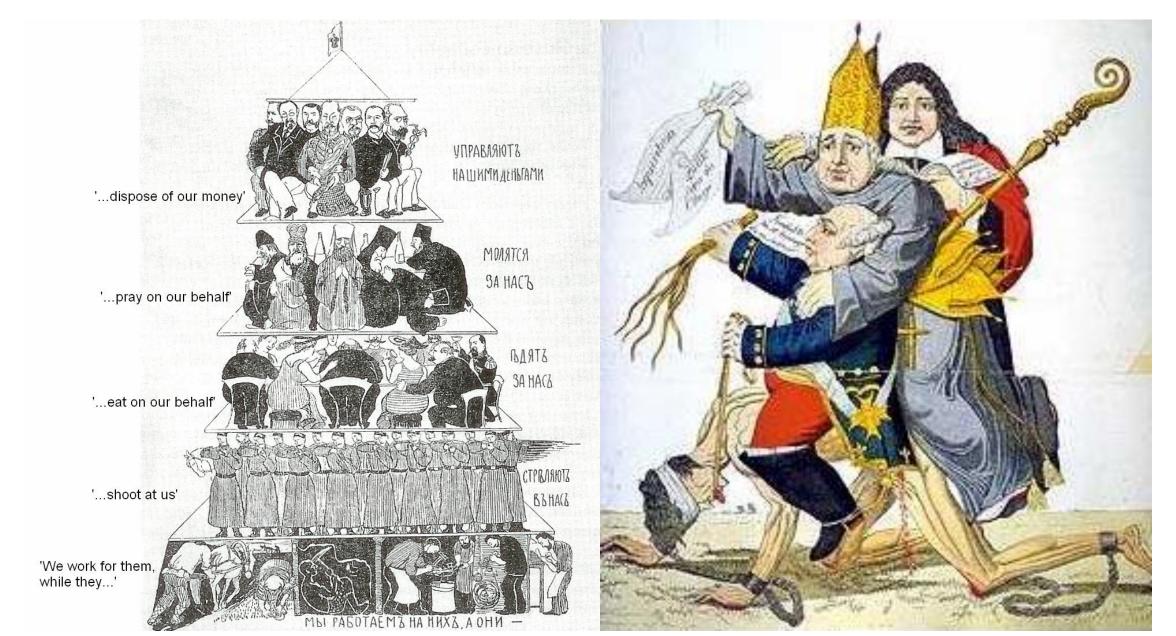






Watch short YouTube video: RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

How are these cartoons similar?



RUSSIA PULLS OUT

- Hundreds of thousands of poorly equipped Russian soldiers dying. Mass desertion. Starvation of millions in Russia!
- TSAR NICHOLAS II forced to abdicate (later executed with family by Bolsheviks)
- Provisional Govt led by Alexander Kerensky
- **LENIN**, in exile, make deal with Germans:
- "Get me to Russia and I will end the war!"
- November 1917 → RUSSIAN REVOLUTION
- Lenin signs TREATY OF BREST-LITOVSK with Germany > pulls out of the war.

Watch short YouTube video: Young Indiana Jones: Vladimir Lenin's Speech "Peace, Bread, Land!"

Economic Causes

- Peasant majority
- Food & fuel shortages
- Striking workers
- Inefficient transportation system

Political Causes

- Enormous losses in World War I
- Weak & oppressive rule by Tsar
- Spread of Marxist ideas
- Charismatic leaders, such as <u>LENIN</u> & <u>STALIN</u>

Social Causes

- Extremes in classes
- Deprivation resulting from World War I
- Peasants' desire for 'peace, bread & land'



NOVEMBER 1917: Communist Party overthrew government.

Russia became the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), or SOVIET UNION

The Soviet Union under Lenin (1917-1924)

- The Russian Civil War (1919-1921)
 - Lenin's followers (**Reds**) vs. Tsar supporters (**Whites**)
 - US and other countries sent help to support the Whites
 - Reds got support from workers and peasants
 - Lenin executed the Tsar and his entire family
 - Reds defeated the Whites

- Lenin's New Economic Policy (NEP)
 - Private ownership was allowed in small-scale manufacturing and farming
 - Most farms and industry were owned by the government
 - Production was slowly increased
 - Lenin died in 1924 and Joseph Stalin took over



Watch short YouTube video:

Nicholas II & Family Murdered by the Bolsheviks (Communists)



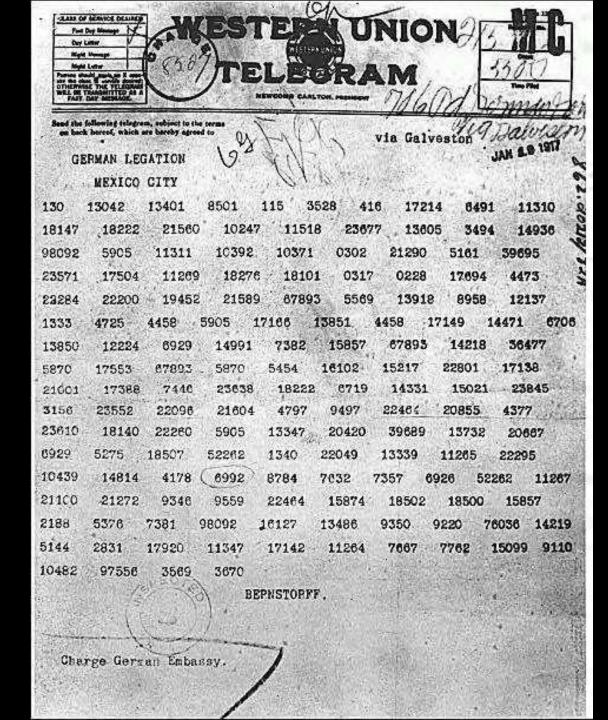


Mrs. Osborn visiting Peter and Paul Fortress Burial site of the Romanovs St. Petersburg, Russia, July 2008



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SOME PROMISE!

april 191



Telegram sent in code by German government to German Embassy in Mexico in January 2017 Intercepted by the British & passed on to the USA government.

ZIMMERMAN NOTE IN CODE

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

n. State Dept.

By Much & Eckhoff Chickwest

FROM 2nd from London # 5747.

But Oct 27,1951

"We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States of

ing, we make Mexico a proposal of alliance on the following basis: make war together, make peace together, generous financial support and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you.

You will inform the President of the above most secretly as soon as the outbreak of war with the United States of America is certain and add the suggestion that he should, on his own initiative, which Japan to immediate adherence and at the same time mediate between Japan and ourselves. Please call the President's attention to the fact that the ruthless employment of our submarines now offers the prospect of compelling England in a few months to make peace." Signed, ZIF ERMAN.

ZIMMERMAN NOTE DE-CODED

USA ENTERS THE WAR (April 1917)

USA – No Longer Neutral, Enters the War

- CAUSES →
- UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINE WARFARE
 - -1915: Passenger ship *Lusitania* torpedoed → 1200 lives lost (128 Americans)
- ZIMMERMAN NOTE
- CONGRESS (at President Wilson's request) DECLARES WAR in April 1917.

Watch short YouTube video: Unrestricted Submarine Warfare





NEED TO KNOW AP HD: Governments used a variety of strategies, including political propaganda, art, media, & intensified forms of nationalism, to mobilize populations (both in the home countries and the colonies) for the purpose of waging war.

PROPAGANDA:

Ideas spread to influence public opinion for or against a cause

Normally, a propaganda poster project assigned at this time. Due to current circumstances, Mrs. Osborn is trying to figure out how this might be completed digitally.

More info to come!

Watch the following 3 short YouTube videos:

- 1) Propaganda
 - 2) Hatred
- 3) Anti-War propaganda film, Jaccuse

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LECTURE (Day) #3:
The War Ends,
Failure of the Versailles Treaty,
Middle East (Armenian Genocide,
Modern Turkey, British & French
Mandates),
China & Japan after WWI

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THE WAR ENDS

- USA in the war: inexhaustible supply of troops & supplies.
- Kaiser Wilhelm abdicates (exiled in Netherlands)
- **RESULT** → New German government
- ARMISTICE → NOVEMBER 11, 1918 (Veteran's Day in the USA)
- 9 million Military deaths (USA, 116,000)
- TOTAL DEATH TOLL: 20-25 MILLION
- Millions of refugees emigrate to USA (legislation quotas on Eastern & Southern Europeans)
- Monarchies eradicated: GERMANY, RUSSIA, AUSTRIA, & OTTOMAN EMPIRE

• 1918 Influenza Pandemic → 30 MILLION

Watch short YouTube video: 1918 Influenza Pandemic v. COVID-19

(CBS Sunday Morning, 3/8/20)

Watch short YouTube video: COST OF WAR - Casualties

USA's President Wilson's FOURTEEN POINTS

- Terms for resolving WWI & future wars:
- End to secret treaties
- Freedom of the seas
- Free trade
- Arms reductions
- SELF-DETERMINATION
- LEAGUE OF NATIONS
 - (forerunner of United Nations)

PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE

- BIG THREE: USA, BRITAIN, FRANCE
- Wilson (USA) → "peace without victory"
- Wanted Fourteen Points basis of treaty
- Britain -> Keep control of the seas
- France → Keep Germany from threatening France ever again.
- Britain & France → "Pound of flesh" → MAKE
 GERMANY PAY!!!
- Wilson (USA) compromised, BUT pushed for LEAGUE OF NATIONS

THE VERSAILLES TREATY

- Germany take blame for war & PAY...
- REPARATIONS (\$300 Billion)
- Lead to world-wide Depression in 1930s
- Limited size of German military
- Give up Alsace and Lorraine to France

GERMAN RESENTMENT LEADS TO WORLD WAR II

Watch short YouTube video: Failure of the Versailles Treaty

Watch short YouTube video: Compassion, STARVATION & the USA Helps

OTHER SETTLEMENTS

- <u>SELF-DETERMINATION</u> <u>map 1914-today</u>
- Russia: Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia
- Austrian-Hungarian Empire: Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia
- JAPAN → control of some Chinese territory & former German colonies in the Pacific
- BRITISH & FRENCH MANDATES of German colonies in Africa & lands of Ottoman Empire

FRENCH & BRITISH MANDATES
IN MIDDLE EAST LEAD TO PROBLEMS TODAY

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

NEED TO KNOW AP HD: *New international organizations* formed to maintain world peace and to facilitate international cooperation.

- 40 Nations: PURPOSE → negotiate disputes, joint actions (economic sanctions, military intervention)
- BUT

 USA Congress fails to RATIFY VERSAILLES

 TREATY
- "Only Congress has the right to declare war."
- LEAGUE OF NATIONS will fail

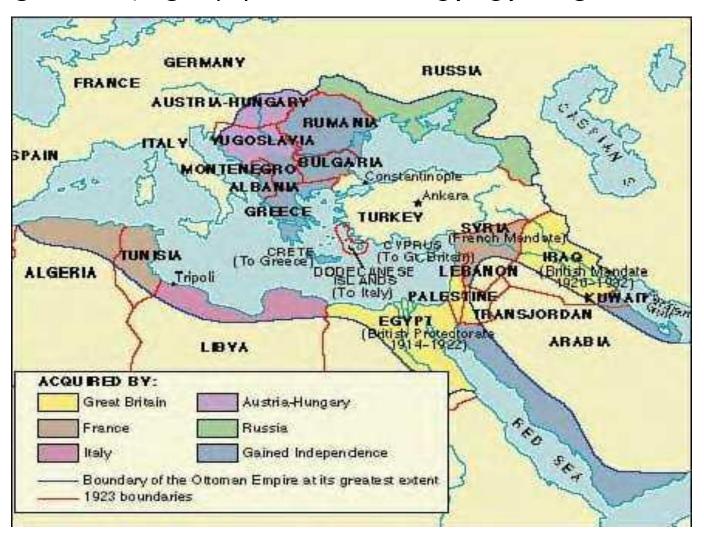
RESULT -> WORLD WAR II

Watch short YouTube video: <u>AFTERMATH OF WWI</u>

Future wars as a result of the failure of the Versailles Treaty

- World War II (1939-1945)
- Korean War (1949-present; truce signed)
- Cold War (1945-1991)
- Israeli/Palestinian War (1947-present)
- Vietnam War (1960-1975)
- Persian Gulf War (1991)
- Bosnian War (1990s)
- Iraq War (2003 August 2010)
- Afghanistan War (2001-2015)
- ISIS?

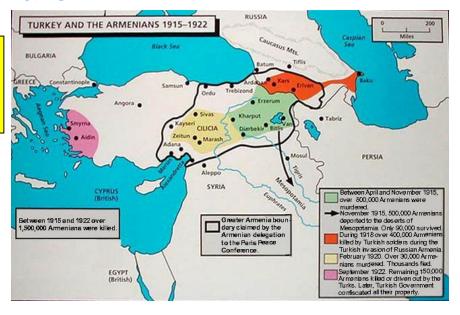
The New Middle East



Armenian Genocide

NEED TO KNOW AP HD: The rise of extremist groups in power led to the annihilation of specific populations, notably in the Holocaust during World War II, and to other atrocities, acts of genocide, or ethnic violence.

- The 20th century's first genocide
- Some Armenian Christians sought to have their own state separate from the Ottoman Empire. (suspected of being pro-Russian)
- *MASS DEPORTATION*: Turkish soldiers gathered Armenian men, women, & children and sent them on forced death marches to the Syrian desert As many as 1.5 million Armenians die.
- Model for Adolf Hitler





Protest march in Chicago, 4/24/15. By Jon Guerra, Class of 2017 (while on RHS band trip)

Watch short YouTube video: <u>Armenian Genocide</u>

Rise of Modern Turkey

<u>NEED TO KNOW AP HD</u>: *Nationalist leaders* and parties in Asia and Africa sought varying degrees of autonomy within or **independence** from imperial rule.

- Mustafa Kemal, formed a nationalist government in 1919 & abolished sultanate.
- TURKEY: a secular republic; introduced European laws (constitution).
- Reduced power of the Islamic clerics
- Constantinople renamed **ISTANBUL**.
- Replaced the Arabic alphabet with the Latin alphabet.
- Westernized the Turkish family, the roles of women, and even Turkish clothing and headgear.
- Successful in urban areas but not in countryside, where Islamic traditions remained strong.

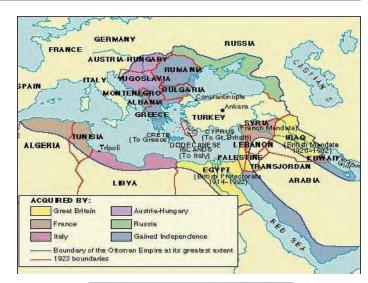




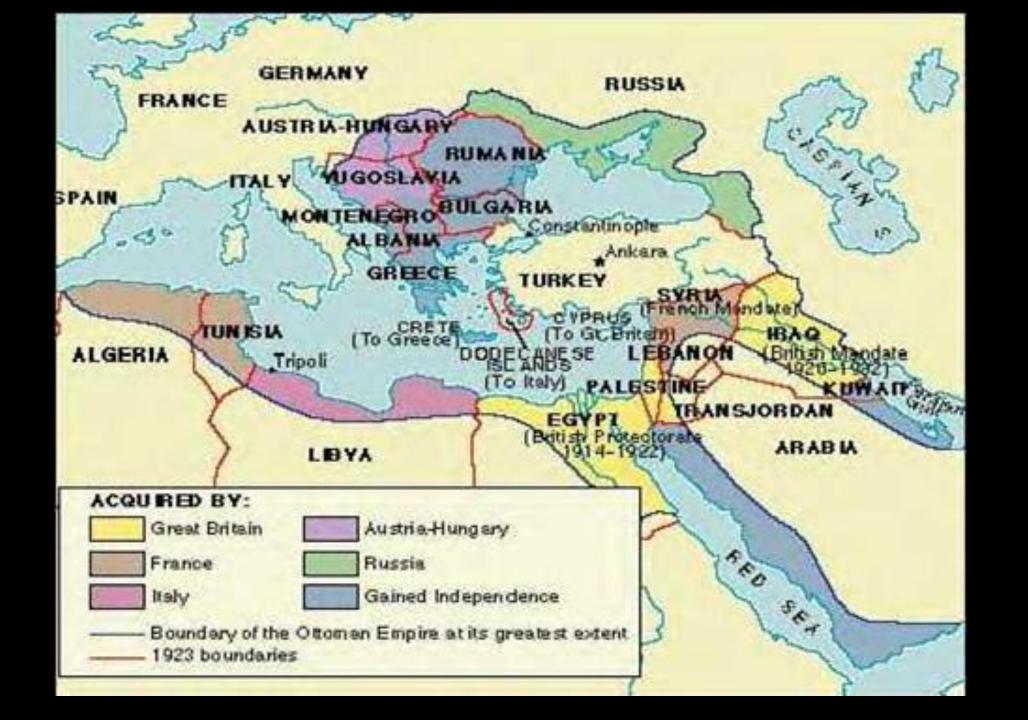
The Mandate System

NEED TO KNOW AP HD: The redrawing of old colonial boundaries led to conflict as well as population displacement and/or resettlements.

- 1917: Britain supports BALFOUR DECLARATION
 (establishment of Jewish Homeland in Palestine) <u>but</u> tried to limit
 Jewish immigration → only succeeded in alienating both Jews &
 Arabs
- 1917: Britain takes Baghdad & secures Iraqi oil pipeline
- Egypt and Arabia gain independence in 1922-1924.
- At end of WWI, former German colonies and Ottoman territories were given to the great powers as **mandates**.
- Arab-speaking territories of the former Ottoman Empire believed that they had been promised independence if they supported the Allies during the war. In practice...
- Britain took control of Palestine, Iraq, and Trans-Jordan.
- France took Syria and Lebanon as its mandates.







Watch short, funny YouTube video: Sir Mapsalot explains the Mandate System

Japan & China:

Contrasting Destinies









OUTLINE OF THE DEMANDS

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

PEKING, FEB. 11.

The concessions demanded from China Japan are not yet officially published, but the are reported to include the following:—

In general Japan domands that no part the China coast and no island off the coast coded or leased to any foreign Power.

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The following special privileges are domand a the regions named:

CHINA: Revolution and War, 1900–1929

<u>NEED TO KNOW AP HD</u>: The older, land-based Ottoman, Russian, and <u>Qing empires collapsed</u> due to a combination of internal and external factors.

- Too many people, not enough resources. ("Blood in the Water")
- Revolution \rightarrow Qing Dynasty overthrown. (end of dynastic rule)
- 1911: <u>REPUBLIC OF CHINA</u>. (Sun Yat-sen elected as president; welcomed members of the Chinese Communist Part)
- China grew poorer while only the treaty ports (e.g. Shanghai, Canton) controlled by the West or Japan prospered.
- Chiang Kai-shek (Sun's successor) split with & decimated (destroyed) the Communist Party
- Ambitious plan for industrial modernization, <u>BUT</u> corruption kept **China** remained mired in poverty.
- "Blood in the Water" again! HMM, who will take advantage of the weaknesses of the republic? MORE TO COME!!!

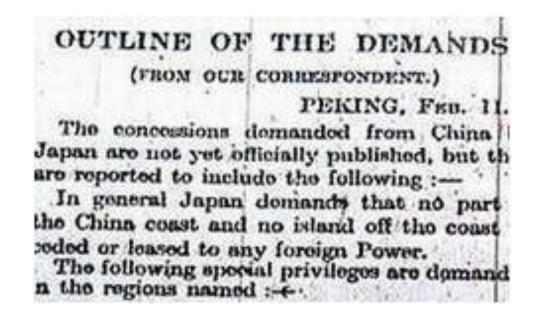




Watch short YouTube video: Collapse of the Qing Dynasty

JAPAN, World War I, & Prosperity, 1914-1929

- Few natural resources & little arable land.
- Paris Peace Conference: Japan allowed to retain control over seized German colonies in the Pacific & enclaves in China.
- Twenty-One Demands: Forced the Chinese government to accede to Japanese influence.
- Japanese prosperity depended on foreign trade & on imperialism in Asia.
- MORE TO COME!



World War I





http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_XPZQ0LAlR4

<u>PERIODIZATION</u> (n)- ability to describe, analyze, & evaluate different ways that historians divide history (including turning points, starting/ending dates)



CLASSICAL (600 BCE-600 CE)







CONTEMPORARY (1900 CE- PRESENT)

CONTEMPORARY (1900 CE- PRESENT) ACCELERATING GLOBAL CHANGE & REALIGNMENTS

1900 CE PRESENT

BY 1900 CE

- INDUSTRIAL REVOL.
 HAS RESHAPED
 EARTH'S ECONOMY
- POLITICAL REVOLUT.
 BASED ON ENLIGHT.
 BRINGS ABOUT
 MODERN GOVERNM'T
- INDUS. NATIONS TOOK ADVANTAGE BUILT EMPIRES



TODAY:

- SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENTS ACCELERATE
- WORLD WARS DEFINE 1ST HALF OF THE ERA
- NUCLEAR AGE
- COLD WAR DIVIDES THE PLANET
- INFORMATION AGE
- GLOBALIZATION
- CLIMATE CHANGE