	Who?
World War I – The Great War	□ The Central Powers: □ Germany □ Austria-Hungary □ Allied forces: □ Breat Britain □ Russia □ France □ USA

When?

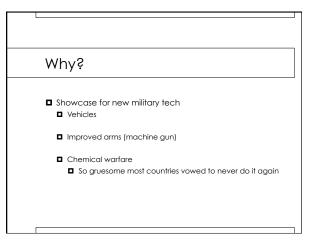
In 1914-1918

In All over Europe
In Started when Germany invaded Belgium and then France
In (aka the "Western Front")

Why? Most common (yet terribly incomplete) answer: Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, 1914

Why? Tensions caused by: Imperialistic goals Territory claims Economics/Resources

Why? Old grudges Secret alliances Strong sense of nationalism Espec. In Austro-Hungary and France



Timeline

■ 1914 – Archduke Franze Ferdinand – heir to the throne in the Austro-Hungarian Empire – is assassinated by a Slavic nationalist

Animated maps of major battle fronts

■ https://www.pbs.org/greatwar/maps/maps_western.html

Timeline

- 1914 Germany invades Belgium

 - Why? Geography...
 I) Belgium is flat w/no major obstacles easy to get to France
 2) Need to get to France for access to Atlantic Ocean to cut off Allied supplies by sea

Britain invades Germany in retaliation (b/c of earlier promise to protect them)

Timeline

lacktriangledown 1914 - Other countries start to get involved War spreads to the seas

German troops on the Western Front



Timeline

- 1915 Lusitania sunk by German sub– 1200 dead
 A British passenger liner
 - Women take up men's jobs back home
 London attacked by German zeppelins

Timeline

■ 1916 – Germany vows to "bleed France white"
■ Conscription for those age 18-41 in UK

Timeline

- 1917 tank, submarine, & gas warfare increases
 - U.S. joins war

Timeline

- 1918- Germany launches major attack
 - Allies respond with major attack

Treaty of Versaille, 1918

- Signed in the Hall of Mirrors, Palace of Versaille, France
- It called for high penalties for the Triple Alliance, especially high reparations Germany was to pay
 - Also limiting the size of their army
 - Took away land they had seized and gave it out to other
 - Forbidden for Germany and Austro-Hungary to unite into one supercountry

Treaty of Versaille, 1918

- US did not sign this treaty b/c the penalties seemed so high
 - Might cause revenge instead of reconciliation
- Made their own treaty w/them 1921
 - Pres. Woodrow Wilson's "14 points"
 - Created League of Nations
 - Also called secret provisions for dividing up German lands between the Allied forces
 - They had to sign that they were the cause of everything that happened

Germany had no choice but to sign

- The scuttling at Scapa Flow
 - Just north of Scotland

Treaty of Versaille, 1918



Wilson's "14 Points" - 1921

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- Pres. Woodrow Wilson's "14 points"
 - Created League of Nations to prevent "crime of war"
 - Also called secret provisions for dividing up German lands between the Allied forces
 - Ironic b/c one of the 14 points was "no more secret treaties"

Consequences

- \blacksquare Much of Europe destroyed infrastructure such as:
 - Roads
 - Factories
 - Homes
 - Telegraph poles
 - Sanitation systems
 - Suppliers of electricity, gas, coal, etc. put out of business

Consequences

- Approx. 40,000,000 dead
 - Approx. soldiers 9,000,000
 - Approx. 13,000,000 civilians
 - Approx 20,000,000 more died of disease (influenza)

Consequences

- Reorganized European map
- $\hfill \blacksquare$ Basically ended European monarchies and European colonialism
- $\hfill \square$ Inspired League of Nations to promote global peace
 - **1**920-1946
 - Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
 - Predecessor to today's United Nations

Consequences

■ World War II

■ Because of the shambles Germany's economy is left in after having to commit to all the items in the Treaty of Versaille and to Wilson's 14 Points