Beginning the Great War…

WWI

*What general causes precipitated the Great War?*

***Setting the Stage: Factors leading to rivalry***

1. Increasing ascendancy of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. Industrial growth (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_production: more than France and GB combined in 1900)
   2. “A place in the sun” vs. “The sun never sets on the British Empire”: Imperial tensions
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. The Triple Alliance
   1. While the “honest broker”, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ takes no chances
   2. Isolate France: ally with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ -\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1879
   3. Add Italy in 1882
   4. Reinsurance Treaty with Russia lapses after Bismarck’s retirement
   5. RESULT: Franco-Russian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. British “Splendid Isolation”
   1. Relations with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_were bad (Fashoda, Boer War)
4. Germans build navy, 1898
   1. Purpose: protect colonies, secure their foreign trade, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
   2. Leaves Brits insecure: naval arms race
5. The Triple \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. British emerge: GB and France forget Fashoda (1898), settle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Reconciliation: entente cordial
   3. French: look to reconcile \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_(even after conflict in Japan)
6. 1907: Anglo-Russian Convention solves Persian disputes
7. Result: Triple Entente (but no specific military commitment)

***Crises Warming up to a war …***

1. Morocco X2
2. March 1905: Kaiser \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ II announces Morocco should be independent … really a way to put a wedge between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and GB. International conference shuts him down.
3. 1911: German gunboat tries to snag Morocco to “protect German interest”. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. RESULTING MESSAGE: Entente is strong -> Back Off
5. Increasing Russian embarrassment in the Balkans

BACKGROUND:

* + Croats, Bosnians, Slovenes, Serbs, want unification:
  + South Slavs (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
  + To do this: Serbian (independent) must be united with Bosnia (part of A-H)
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Slavs: looking to Russia for help (Pan-Slavism)

1. 1908: Austria- Hungary annexes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Russian public and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ angry. Russia, after 1905 revolt and Japan, does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. 1911: Albanian discord. While picking away at Turks, Serbs foiled by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and don’t get access to sea by way of Albania. Albania \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Russia does nothing. Serbs angrier!
3. June 28, 1914: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Serbian nationalist of the Black Hand) assassinates Archduke \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   * Result of Assassination:
4. Austrians consult Germans: Germans give “blank check”
5. Austria-Hungary issues \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Serbia accepts all but investigation (sovereignty issues)

* **Austria declares war on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (7/28/1914)**
* Russia mobilizes on German and Austria-Hungary border (can’t back down again)
* **Germans declare war on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (8/1/1914)**
* **Germans declare war on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(8/3/1914) for good measure.**
* German folly: Bet on British \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

BUT… following \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plan, go through neutral Belgium

* **Great Britain declares war on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(8/4/1914)**

**The Great War: *Not* Over by Christmas, 1914**

The Armed Stalemate: Section 86

To combat a \_\_\_\_\_\_ - front war, the Germans came up with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plan, where a quick win against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be followed by the shuttling of troops to the eastern front to then fight the slow-mobilizing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

At the beginning of September 1914, the Germans first met the French and British at the battle of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Germans did not have a swift win here (though they did on the eastern front at the battles of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). Thus began the long stalemate on the Western Front. This warfare was made more miserable by the use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ guns and trenches.

However, on the eastern front things were going well for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Powers, but the Russians continued to fight. The British and French tried to help the Russians by opening the way to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sea at the battle of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. After a year of battle against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they were unsuccessful.

Returning to the west, in 1916 the Allies planned an offensive at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to begin in July. The Germans planned their own offensive in February at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The French didn’t commit all their force to the German offensive, and it became a true stalemate until the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gave up. From July to October in the battle of the Somme, despite enormous Allied effort, there was only ~2.5 miles of Allied advancement. It was during this battle that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were first used.

According to a 1909 agreement, to prevent staving out an opponent, \_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, items, like food, were import-able, even during war. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ did not observe this, and no trade was allowed with Germany. This angered neutral nations, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who wanted to uphold the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the seas”.

Germany’s response to GB’s blockade was to warn all that the seas surrounding GB were a \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ -- even for neutrals in February of 1915. Not surprisingly, this resulted in the sinking of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, killing 1200 people. President Wilson warned that the US would consider another such act as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” (would result in war). The Germans backed off for two years.

At \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Germans engaged in their only naval battle with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In an attempt to simply weaken the opposing forces, the Germans were surprised by an entire force. They withdrew, but had proven their proficiency.

Everyone was looking for new allies to overturn the stalemate, the Ottoman Empire joined \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because they feared \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ joined them too. Italy, wanting their *irredenta*, was promised some land in the case of a win, and so joined with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the secret treaty of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 1915. Additionally, the Allies planned for the total partitioning of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the case of a win.

The Germans promised an independent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to embarrass Russia. They also raised up \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sentiment in Belgium. Sir Roger Casement, and Irish nationalist, brought by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ instigated Easter Rebellion of 1916.

Another similar activity for Americans was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ telegram, named after Arthur Zimmerman. He was the German secretary of foreign affairs, who sent this letter to a German minister in Mexico City to inform the Mexican. He was to say that if the United States went to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Germany, Germany will ally with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Germany will in turn help Mexico, get back \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_. Zimmermann’s telegram was intercepted and decoded by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and passed on to DC. It shocked public opinion in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, when it was printed in the newspapers.

Allies had much more success dealing with nationalists’ discontent. They were able to promise restoration of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to France, and Poland’s independence. Meanwhile during the war the British and French easily moved into the German colonies in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Then, Japan (allied with GB) took German areas of China and the Pacific. This forced Chinese into an exclusive protectorate in Manchuria and North China.

German war aims were even more expansionary and led by the Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg. The list consisted of:

* Baltics become dependencies
* Poland directly annexed or joined with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: dependency for access to Atlantic
* The remaining French Lorraine annexed
* German Central \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Russia Folds:**

Chapter 17, Section 87

March 1917: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mutiny, widespread strikes

March 15, 1917: Czar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ II abdicates

March –November: Provisional Government (liberal, constitutional, continues war)

April 1917: Germans send V.I. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ back from Swiss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

November 1917: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ take power

December 1917: Bolsheviks begin peace negotiations with Germans because of public opinion, and let capitalists kill each other.

March 3, 1918: Treaty of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Bolsheviks hate, but give independence to Poland, Ukraine
* Bessarabia, Estonia, Latvia, and Finland

For Germans: shift westward

**Here Come the Americans:**

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ divided:*

* Isolationist (Wilson’s 1916 Election)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_sympathy
* Russian autocracy

In 1917: Russia looks democratic, and in Feb. Germans go for

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(hedging bets on Am. Arrival and British defeat)

Feb./March: American ships sunk…

April 6, 1917: Congress declares war

“TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY”

German subs do well until the advent of the convoy. Become useless.

*Net Result of U.S.W.: American involvement*

IN THE U.S.:

* Rationing, wartime industrial conversion, $$$, conscription, Daylight-savings time

ON THE WESTERN FRONT:

* French resign themselves to waiting for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* British attempt tank battle of Passchendaele in 1917, get 5 miles and retreat for lack of infantry
* In 1918: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_on offensive, newly supported from east
* French General Ferdinand Foch (with others, ala Pershing) meet Germans in June at Chateau-Thierry
* German commanders Hindenburg and Ludendorff force fight, and get crushed.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: 11/11/1918**

* Final battle: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Sept. 1918

TOTALS:

10 Million Dead U.S.: 115,000 deaths

20 Million Dead

Cost of War

* France: 20% of men between 20 and 44; 1.38 million dead
* USA: 112,432 dead (more than ½ from disease); 230,074 wounded
* GB: 947,000 dead
* Russia: 1.7 million dead
* Italy: 460,000 dead
* Germany: 1.8 million dead
* A-H: 1.2 million dead
* Turkey: 325,000 dead
* 20 million wounded overall

Churchill: Victory “bought so dear as to be indistinguishable from defeat”

The Peace of Paris, 1919

*What are some of the Big Four Limitations in terms of creating a lasting peace?*

* *In January of 1918, Wilson drew up his Fourteen Points that were to dominate the post-war world.*

1. End to secret \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Freedom of the seas
3. Removal of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to trade
4. Reduction of armaments (armies and navies) by all
5. Adjustments to colonies with fairness to the residents

**6-13**. Suggestions for redrawing of European \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with respect to ethnic borders, based upon self-determination (people decide what government will govern them)

**14.** International political organization. Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* *Winter, 1919: 27 countries, 70 delegates. Led by big 4 – (NO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Germany)*

1. Woodrow Wilson – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **3.** Georges Clemenceau- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Lloyd George – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **4.** Vittorio Orlando- \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* *5 Post-War Treaties Signed, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ signed with Germany:*
  1. Discussed in Hall of Mirrors
  2. Signed June 28, 1919 by two very minor, embarrassed representatives

Territory Changes:

* French get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* French get rights to Saar coal mines for 15 years.
* Poland Independent: get Polish Corridor to the sea. Cuts off East Prussia from rest of Germany. Danzig Independent.
* All German colonies in Africa and Pacific are given to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, US, France, Japan (no Italy) as MANDATES (administered by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, victor governs until ready for independence)
* Sudetenland to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 7 new nations: Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia
* Rhineland occupied for 15 years to guard France (Anglo-French-American Guarantee Treaty)
* Austria and Hungary are separate countries
* Ottoman empire GONE
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Military Changes

* German \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_limited to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (no draft, only professional)
* No navy- Germany sinks ships rather than give to Allies
* NO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Punishment

* War \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: amount in the end to $31 billion for Germany to pay
* War Guilt: Germany claims responsibility to all loss and damage resulting from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + German Reaction?

War Prevention

* League of Nations: Permanent Members – \_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Germany in 1926, USSR in 1934)

* + A forum for peaceful discussion of international problems so as to avert war in the future.
  + U.S. never signs the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, even after Wilson’s hard work.
    - Could not guarantee that American troops could only fight with consent from Congress. Sign a separate peace later.
* *What are the EFFECTS of Peace of Paris/WWI?*