

## X. World War I

### A. causes

1. Social Darwinism (increased nationalism – we have to prove we're better than you by taking you over)
2. Militarism & brinkmanship
3. Balkan Crises
  - a. Assassination of Archduke Ferdinand in Bosnia
4. "Entangling" alliances
  - a. Central powers – Germany, Austria, Ottoman, Bulgaria
  - b. Allied powers – England, France, Russia, Italy (USA by 1917)
5. Social pressures – encouraged to be "heroes"
  - a. back by Christmas!

### B. Two fronts

1. Western Front
  - a. Schlieffen Plan – Germany invades France through Belgium
2. Eastern Front
  - a. Germany/Austria vs. Russia

### C. Russian Revolution

1. Dissatisfaction with Tsar
  - a. STILL serfs – poverty, lack of education
  - b. losing war – too backwards
  - c. Rasputin
2. February Revolution
  - a. standing in Petrograd bread lines, turns to workers strike, turns to revolt
  - b. Tsar jailed
  - c. Alexander Kerensky made leader
    - good person, but not in tune with public
    - wanted Western-style representative democracy
3. October Revolution/Communist Revolution
  - a. Bolsheviks (Communists under Lenin) gained control of Petrograd Soviet
    - created Supreme Soviet
    - popular with people – promised peace, land, & bread
4. Mensheviks (white army) – less violent, less radical
  - a. oppose Bolsheviks (red army)
  - b. full scale civil war erupts
  - c. Mensheviks beaten, murdered, exiled
    - Red Army makes France's Reign of Terror look like a Sunday school party
5. New government – the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
  - a. Communist oligarchy
6. No more Russia in the Eastern Front – focus only on Western Front

- a. Treaty of Brest-Litovsk
- D. Western Front
  - 1. quickly bogged down into Trench Warfare
    - a. War of Attrition
  - 2. U.S. Entry
    - a. Lusitania & others
    - b. Zimmerman Telegram
  - 3. U.S. is fresh, excited – everyone else is tired & ready to go home
- E. Armistice
  - 1. 11/11/1918 (11:00 a.m.)
- F. Treaties
  - 1. Big Four – representatives of four most powerful nations
  - 2. President Woodrow Wilson's "14 points"
    - a. League of Nations
    - b. essentially forgive & forget
    - c. unpopular with other leaders, U.S. Senate
  - 3. Treaty of Versailles
    - a. Ignore 14 points, punish Germany (War Guilt Clause)
    - b. end Ottoman Empire – divide Middle East randomly