**Guided Notes WWI Total War**

**Europe Plunges Into War**

* By 1914, Europe was divided into two rival alliances.
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** = Great Britain, France, and Russia
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** = Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy.
* Austria’s declaration of war set off a chain reaction…
  + As a result, nearly all of Europe was fighting what would be one of the longest, most destructive wars the world had seen.

**The Great War Begins**

* In late 1914, millions of soldiers marched happily off to battle, convinced the war would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**A Bloody Stalemate**

* In the fall of 1914, the war turned into a long and bloody stalemate, or deadlock, in **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Western Front)**.
* Facing a war on two fronts (France and Russia), Germany developed a battle strategy known as the **Schlieffen plan**.
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** – attacking and defeating France in the west and then rushing east into Russia.

**First Battle of the Marne**

* **First Battle of the Marne** = Allies defeated the Germans and Russia invaded Germany.
  + The Schlieffen plan had failed!
  + Germany was going to have to fight on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fronts.

**Trench Warfare**

* By 1915, opposing armies on the Western Front had dug miles of trenches to protect themselves from enemy fire.
  + In **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, soldiers fought each other from the trenches.

**What do you think the conditions in the trenches were?**

* Life in the Trenches was Horrible
* Life in the trenches was pure misery.
  + No water or food
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Rats
  + Lice
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**“Terrain of Death”**

* The western front had become a **“terrain of death”.**
* New tools of war were created to deliver a fast-moving war, but all it did was **kill greater numbers** of people.
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
  + **Tank**
  + **Airplane**
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Stalemate!**

* The new technology led to a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (where no one is winning)
  + Machine guns and artillery were just killing thousands.
* The slaughter reached a peak in 1916.
  + Germans launched a massive attack against the French near Verdun.

**Battle of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(1916)**

* Lasted 4 ½ months
  + 60,000 British died on the first day
  + 1.2 million people total were killed
  + And after all of this bloodshed, only 7 miles of land changed hands

**Russia struggles on the Eastern Front**

* Both the Central powers and Allies sent millions of soldiers to fight on the Eastern Front.
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** = battlefield along the German and Russian border.
* By 1916, Russia’s war efforts were near collapse.
  + Short on food, guns, ammunition, clothes, boots, and blankets.

**World War**

* As the war raged on, fighting spread beyond Europe into Africa and Asia.
  + Australia and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sided with the **Allies**
  + Ottoman Turks and Bulgarians joined the **Central Powers.**

**In the US…**

* U.S. Public Divided
  + Some wanted the U.S. to join
  + Some wanted to stay out of it
* President Wilson decides to stay out
  + Declares **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**British Blockade**

* To cut off German supplies, the British created a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
  + Germany couldn’t import food or industrial goods
  + 750,000 German civilians died of starvation

**Germans develop U-Boats**

* Germany responded by attempting to blockade Britain.
* Submarines (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) sunk any ship in water around England

German subs continued to attack…

**Lusitania (May 7, 1915)**

* German U-Boats sank the British Passenger boat the Lusitania off coast of Ireland.
  + 128 of 1200 deaths were American
* People in the U.S. were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!
  + Fight, fight, fight!
* …but Wilson stays \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Two Events push US to War**

* Finally, in February 1917, more German actions pushed the United States into war.
* **A note and a boat**…
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
  + German unrestricted **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**#1 Zimmerman Note**

* Note intercepted from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + officials intercepted a telegram written by Germany stating that Germany would help Mexico “reconquer” the land it lost to the United States, if Mexico would ally with Germany.

**And #2 German Submarines**

* Germany resumes unrestricted submarine warfare attacking U.S. ships
* U.S. Declares War!!!
* On April 2, 1917 President Wilson asked Congress to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on Germany.
  + U.S. becomes an Allied Power.

**Total War**

* World War I soon became a Total war.
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ = countries devote all of their resources to the war effort.
* So many goods were in short supply that the government turned to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
  + People could buy only a small amount of certain items.
  + Conserve food to be patriotic:
    - “Wheatless” Mondays
    - “Meatless” Tuesdays
    - “Porkless” Thursdays
* Governments also suppressed anti-war activity.
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** news from the war.
  + **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** = one-sided information to persuade, to keep up morale, and support for the war.
* Women replaced men in factories, offices, and shops.
* They also built tanks, munitions, plowed fields, paved streets, and ran hospitals.