**The Great War**

* The German’s developed the Schlieffen plan.
	+ Invade thru undefended Belgium
		- UK declared war for this
	+ Surround the French Army
	+ Turn and defeat Russia
* The plan worked until France stopped Germany outside Paris
	+ Germans retreat and set up defensive
	+ Allies attack was butchered, they also dug in
	+ Those lines would stay for 4 years

**Technology**

* Barbed wire, machine guns, and artillery made attacking suicidal.
	+ Called going “over the top”
	+ At Verdun and Somme, casualties were in the millions
* Both sides looked for advantages.
	+ Poison gas is first used
	+ Tanks created to protect soldiers
* Zeppelins and planes take the war to the sky

**Total war**

* Countries realized all resources needed to be funneled to war
	+ Citizens were drafted to fight
	+ Taxes raised and money barrowed
	+ Rations were used to save resources
* Total war meant controlling public opinion:
	+ Propaganda: Spreading of ideas to help or damage a cause
	+ Censorship: limiting information available
* England stopped food from going to Germany. Germany began sinking all ships headed for the UK
	+ Unrestricted submarine warfare

**Other Fronts**

* **Russia:** Poorly equipped, poorly trained soldiers repeatedly defeated by Germany
* **Austria-Hungary:** Repeatedly loses to Russia, needs help with Serbia
* **Italy:** Secretly joined the allies, needed to be saved against Austria-Hungary
* **Ottoman:**
	+ Cut supplies to Russia thru the Dardanelles
	+ UK invades hoping to open another front but fail
	+ Turks invade Russia and start Armenian Genocide\*
	+ Lawrence of Arabian starts the Arab revolt and guerilla war

**Tides turn**

* **Russian Revolution:** war losses and corruption resulted in communist takeover, pulled out of the war
* Germany now has a one front war
* **US Enters the War:** Use sinking of Lusitania as excuse**,** really about…
	+ Allies owe them money, things look bleak
	+ Zimmerman telegraph: Offered Mexico back its land

**Victory at last**

* Allies, with American help were too much. Sign an armistice 1918
* Results
	+ 38 Million casualties
	+ Total Cost ~ $338 billion
	+ Europe is destroyed