World War One PowerPoint Notes

* World War one lasted from 1914 to 1919.
* WWI was a **total war** because all resources and people were mobilized for the war effort.
	+ Also, not just the military was a target, but entire population of the enemy.
	+ Men were expected to enlist and fight for their country
	+ Women worked in factories when men went to war, were wartime nurses, and grew victory gardens
	+ Kids delivered important messages, collected blankets and books for soldiers, learned first aid to help with injuries
	+ Animals delivered messages in the battlefield and comforted the men
* Great powers in Europe were: Great Britain, Russia, France, Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Italy.
	+ Lots of rivalries developed because countries were fighting over land, the size of their military, and power and influence.
	+ With growth of militaries alliances formed.
* The spark of WWI was the **assassination** of Archduke Franz Ferdinand by a Serbian nationalist.
	+ Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia.
	+ By the end of 1914, due to **alliance** system not only Europe but also all of Europe’s colonies in Asia, Africa, and the Americas had to join in the fighting.
	+ Over 40 countries eventually pulled into war.
	+ Germany first country to start fighting because it didn’t want to fight a war on two fronts.
		- Germany’s treatment of Belgium led to people viewing them as evil.
* WWI considered first modern war due to many new weapons and technology were used for the first time.
	+ Machine guns, poison gas, tanks, flamethrowers, airplanes and submarines were used for the first time.
	+ Trucks, cars, and especially trains improved the speed and distance in which troops and supplies could travel.
	+ Field Telephones and radios were used widespread.
* WWI is also known for uses of **trenches**.
	+ Trenches are long narrow ditches dug into the ground used for protection from enemy fire.
	+ Used in the Western Front between Germany (central powers) and France and Britain (allied powers) and led to many casualties and disease.
	+ Led to **stalemate** where neither side could advance on the enemy because of long range rifles, machine guns, and barbed wires.
* United States had a policy of **isolationism** and did not want to make alliances with other nations.
	+ Only fight in a war for self- defense.
	+ Sinking of passenger ship **Lusitania** by German U-Boat (submarine) moved U.S towards entering the war.
	+ **Zimmerman note** about alliance between Mexico and German was final and last straw.
	+ United States entered WWI on April 6, 1917 and fought with the Allied powers.
* World War one ended in an **armistice**, agreement to stop fighting on November 11, 1918.
	+ Officially ended on June 28, 1919 with the signing of the **Treaty of Versailles.**
	+ Germany was blamed for the war and made to pay huge **reparations**- money for war damage and had other losses.