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.