

NEW KIND OF CONFLICT

- I. The Western Front
 - a. Schlieffen Plan depended on British neutrality and Russia's slowness
 - i. British declare war on Germany
 - ii. Russia mobilizes faster than Germany planned
 - iii. Germany was supposed to send whole army against France first
 - b. Germany sends part of army against Russia
 - c. Belgians open dikes, flood plains and fight back slowing German advance
 - i. Gave time for British and French to get ready
 - d. Winter comes, both sides dig in.
- II. Style of Fighting
 - a. Trench Warfare
 - i. Series of ditches dug from Belgium to Switzerland
 - ii. Had fixed positions for weapons, bunkers for supplies and officers
 - iii. No man's land
 - 1. Land between trenches
 - a. littered with craters, dead bodies, mines
 - iv. trenches surrounded by barbed wire
 - b. costly battles
 - i. believed in overwhelming shows of force to win
 - ii. Verdun – over half million men died in one battle
 - iii. Somme – in 5 months, million men killed or wounded
 - c. War of machines
 - i. Machine guns – allow one person to hold off large groups
 - ii. Tanks – serve as way to break trenches and barbed wire
 - iii. Submarines – used to disrupt shipping
 - iv. Planes – mostly used for observation
 - v. Gas – could wipe out large groups of enemy – wind
- III. Other European Fronts
 - a. Disasters in Russia
 - i. Russia push into Germany at Tannenburg in 1914
 - ii. Russian generals didn't like each other and wouldn't talk
 - iii. Result in German counteroffensive which destroy Russian army
 - iv. Russians sent to battle with no weapons, food or uniforms
 - b. War in the South
 - i. Italians switch and join the Allies in hopes of gaining Adriatic coast
 - ii. Bulgarians join Central Powers and beat Serbia
- IV. War Beyond Europe
 - a. War and the Colonies
 - i. Allies use colonies for troops, labor, supplies
 - ii. Many people from colonies thought fighting would help get citizenship or independence
 - b. Non European Powers
 - i. Ottomans join Central Powers

1. Allies attack at Gallipoli in Turkey
 - a. Send Australian, Indian, New Zealand troops
2. 10 months but Allies lose
- ii. Arab nationalists join British in hopes for independence
- iii. Japan allies with Allies and attacks China and German colonies