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America Enters World War I

***Causes of WWI

Europe was in a powder keg of deep-rooted political problems

Nationalism- deep devotion to one's nation

France had suffered a defeat to Germany in a past conflict & hoped to regain territory

The idea of social Darwinism was prevalent in the region & countries tried to show power



***Causes of WWI

Imperialism was spreading & countries wanted to control more territory

Militarism- Glorification of the military, this grew & began an arms race in Europe

The Triple Alliance was formed- Germany, Austria-Hungary, & Italy

The Triple Entente- France, Russia, & Great Britain



***Causes of WWI

On June 28th, 1914 **Arch Duke Francis Ferdinand** (Austria Hungary) went to visit Bosnia

His car took a wrong turn & a Bosnian radical from the Black Hand killed him

Austria demanded an investigation & Serbia refused, Austria declares WAR

This began the domino effect of the rest of Europe entering the war



MILITARY ADVANCEMENTS AND TRENCH WARFARE

After the Battle of the Marne, Germany dug trenches.

Germany introduced **Machine Guns**.

Allied forces dug into their own trenches,
The Western Front became a crucial battle front

Poison Gas Introduced

Planes served as
reconnaissance

Tank Warfare began to little
effect



THE FIRST WORLD WAR

MILITARY ADVANCEMENTS AND TRENCH WARFARE

The War turned into a stalemate, & led to gruesome trench warfare on the **Western Front** in France

Trenches were muddy & filled with rats, leading to disease and health issues

A simple glance above the trench could mean death

Poison Gas was especially devastating

No Mans Land- destroyed area between trenches

Casualties- Soldiers killed, wounded, or missing in war time



THE UNITED STATES AND WWI

The United States started as a neutral party

1/3 of U.S. citizens foreign born

German invasion of Belgium sways opinion

****Causes of U.S. Entry into War**

German naval blockades and the sinking of the Lusitania

Germany breaks pledge not to attack unarmed ships

Britain intercepts the
Zimmermann Note

The U.S. Enters WWI on April 6th 1917

