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Fighting the Great War

As a Young Historian, I will be able to...

- Understand how trench warfare led to a stalemate on the Western Front.
- Identify and describe the impact of modern military technology on the fighting.
- Outline the course of the war on multiple European fronts.
- Explain how World War I was a global conflict.

A New Kind of War

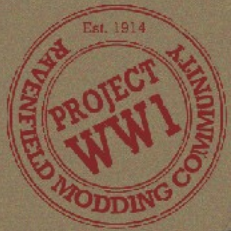
The background of the slide is a sepia-toned illustration. In the upper right, a soldier is shown in silhouette, standing in a trench and aiming a long rifle. The lower left portion of the image is dominated by a dense, tangled network of barbed wire, also in silhouette. The sky in the background is a light, hazy brown with some faint, wispy clouds. The overall mood is somber and historical.

WWI changed how people viewed war, & people saw a more deadly dangerous form of war

Germany tries to implement the Schlieffen Plan & push into France, but Russia mobilized the the east

The Battle of the Marne on the Western front showed both sides this war would be difficult

Stalemate- Deadlock in which neither side is able to defeat the other



Into the Trenches

The warring sides dug down into the ground in a series of trenches on the Western Front

Between the trenches was the treacherous “No Mans Land” where trying to cross meant death

In just 5 months of the war, over a million troops were killed with no end in sight

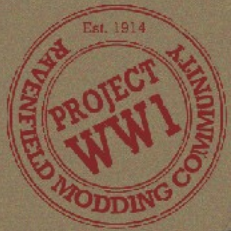
****Military Technology**

**The machine gun & long-range artillery gun
allowed troops to mow down waves of
soldiers**

**Poison gas was implemented to try & force
troops out of the trenches**

**The invention of gas powered engines allowed for
tanks, airplanes, & submarine warfare**

**Planes were used to map out locations, but eventually
“dog-fighting” ensued**



Military Tech

Zeppelins- Large gas-filled balloons were used by Germany to bomb the coast line

U-boats, or submarines were used to sink supply ships & sink enemy warships

Convoys- groups of merchant ships protected by warships, were created to combat subs

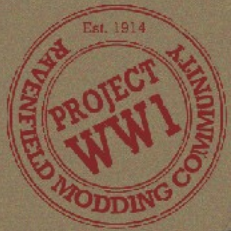
Other Fronts

The background of the slide is a sepia-toned illustration. It depicts a soldier in silhouette, standing in a trench and holding a long rifle. In the foreground, there is a silhouette of a barbed wire fence. The overall style is reminiscent of early 20th-century war posters or propaganda art.

While most of the war was fought alongside the **Western Front**, other battles took place

Russia tried to push into Germany on the eastern front, but struggled with technology

Italy & Austria fought in the south also facing crippling stalemates



Global Conflict

Japan entered the War to seize German outposts in China, hoping to expand

The Ottoman Empire enters the war & tries to push the allied forces out of the Middle East.

T. E. Lawrence, Lawrence of Arabia, supports an Arab revolt to fight against the Ottoman Empire

The Armenian genocide saw the death of 1.5 million Armenians in the Ottoman Empire