

Causes & Effects of World War I

Global History Unit IX

Learning Targets

- Describe the causes and effects of World War I.

Europe in 1800



Nationalism in Europe

- Nationalism- pride and loyalty to one's country
- European leaders used nationalism to create strong, unified nations

Nationalism in Europe-Germany

- Unification occurs between 1864-1871
- Led by Otto von Bismarck, Chancellor of Germany
- Kaiser Wilhelm forces Bismarck from power in 1888
 - becomes emperor
 - focuses on building up Germany's military

Nationalism in Europe-Serbia

- Previously part of the Ottoman Empire
- Austrians take control of Serbia in 1878
 - Annex in 1908 (Serbia now part of Austria)
- Serbians want to create a Slavic state in the Balkans
 - including Bosnia and Herzegovina

Europe in 1914: Start of WWI



WWI-Causes

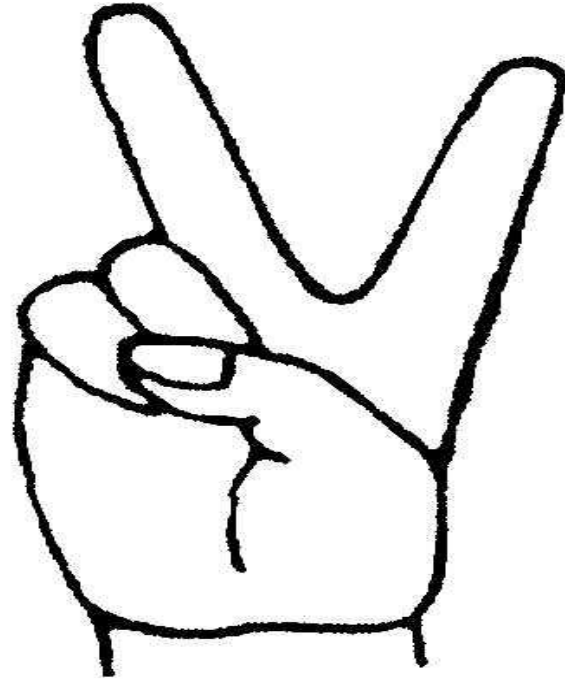
- MANIA
 - Militarism- the glorification of a country's military
 - intention to use military whenever possible
 - Alliance- an agreement between two or more countries to work together for the benefit of each
 - Nationalism
 - Imperialism
 - Assassination- Archduke Franz Ferdinand by a Serbian Nationalist

The Paris Peace Conference and the Treaty of Versailles

1919

11/11/1918

- Armistice Day
- The official end of World War I
- Signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month
- Today, we celebrate Veteran's Day on



Who?

- The Big Three

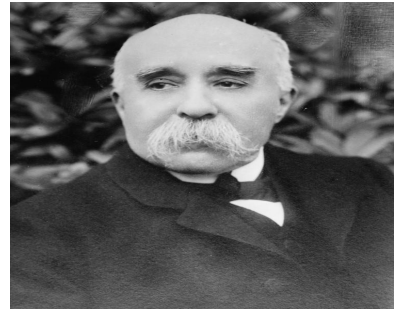
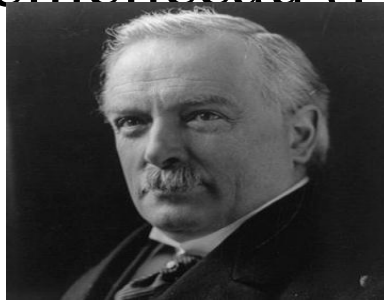
- Woodrow Wilson (US)



- David Lloyd George (Britain)



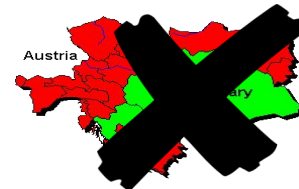
- Georges Clemenceau (France)



The Paris Peace Conference

- Met to discuss:
 - The fate of Europe
 - The former Ottoman Empire
 - Various colonies around the world

- Central Powers and Russia were not allowed to take part



Conflicting Goals

- Wilson → believed in “peace without victory”
 - Wanted to establish a peaceful and diplomatic world through the *League of Nations*

Conflicting Goals

- Georges Clemenceau → wants to weaken Germany so it could never again threaten France
 - Wants revenge and to punish the Germans for what they had done
 - Germany should pay for all the damage done during the war

Conflicting Goals

- David Lloyd George → wants justice but not revenge
 - Peace must not be harsh, it would simply cause another war in the future
 - Wanted to expand the British Empire, maintain control of the seas,

The Treaty of Versailles

- On June 28, 1919, the Allies forced Germany to sign the treaty
- Forced Germany to assume full blame for causing WWI
- Japan given German territories in the Pacific
 - angers U.S.
- Imposed reparations (war debt)



The Treaty of Versailles

- Reparations covered damages and pensions for Allied soldiers or their widows and families
- Total cost:
 - \$30 Billion
(\$2.7 trillion today!)
- [Review-Treaty of Versailles](#)

