

World War I: "the Great War"

1. causes of the war
 - a. New Imperialism (scramble for Africa)
 - i. Imperial Germany's "Place in the Sun"
 - b. Britain reverses isolationism
 - i. Boer War
 - c. arms (and industrial) race begins in 1900s
 - i. jingoistic rhetoric result of nationalist pride in imperial/colonial gains
 - ii. "Made in Germany" scare
 - d. diplomatic revolution & alliance system gone astray
 - i. Entente
 - ii. Alliance
2. the trigger of the Balkan crisis
 - a. Russo-Japanese War, 1904-5, and its aftermath
 - i. Japan: Meiji Era, 1868-1912
 - ii. Russo-Japanese War
 - (1) Russia in China from 1898
 - (2) Japanese attack on Port Arthur, 1904
 - (3) Theodore Roosevelt, Nobel Peace Prize
 - iii. Consequences
 - (1) Russian Revolution of 1905
 - (2) Model for nationalist revolutions throughout colonial world
 - (3) Russia turns westward
 - b. Assassination of Archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo, 28 June 1914
 - i. role of Black Hand; role of Serbia
 - (1) Serbia as "Piedmont"
 - ii. 28 June-29 July, mobilization and the "Blank Check"
 - (1) Role of Belgium
3. course of war
 - a. Schlieffen Plan
 - i. trench warfare in West
 - b. Russian losses in East
 - c. "back door" against Ottomans
 - d. a world war?
 - i. Atlantic and the United States
4. impact of war
 - a. Paris Peace Conference
 - i. from 14 Points to the limits of self-determination
 - ii. Versailles Treaty
 - b. Russian Revolution (next week)
 - c. Legacy of the Somme