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