



World War I

An overview of “The Great War”



The Shot Heard round the World

- June 28th 1914
Savajevo
- Franz Ferdinand
(Heir to Hapsburg
throne), Sofie and
unborn child
- Gavrilo Princip
member of ultra
nationalist “Black
Hand”



Picking Sides

- Triple Entente: Alliance of France, Russia (until 1917), Great Britain, Italy (After 1915), and USA (After 1917)



- Central Powers: Germany, Austro-Hungarian Empire, Bulgaria, Ottoman Empire, and Italy (until 1915)



Mis-Calculated Factors

- Conscription
Allowed armies to reach unprecedented sizes
- Industrialization
Allowed for development of new weapons that would make killing quicker and more efficient



The Western Front

- Both Sides settle in to “trench warfare”
- Becomes obvious very quickly war would not be over anytime soon
 - High losses for little gain



The Eastern Front

- Much larger gains, much larger armies, much larger losses
- Goes very badly for Austrians
 - Lost to Serbians and Russians
- Goes very badly for Russian
 - Lost to Germans
- Goes very badly for Serbians
 - Lost to Bulgarians and Germans



The Ottoman Front

- British attempted to removed Ottoman presence from Dardanelles
- Instead incite rebellion among Arabs who help remove Ottomans from Middle East



Armistice Day

- November 11, 1918
- Both sides call for an armistice to negotiate peace
 - Central Powers close to beaten

