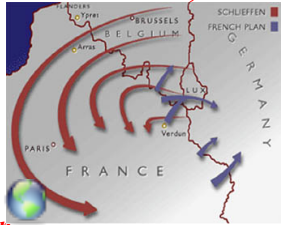


and.....we're off, WWI starts



The Schlieffen Plan -

-In case of a 2 "front" war, it was a German plan to attack France, then quickly turn and attack Russia....based on SPEED!!

-Germany would attack France through Belgium

New Alliances form after the outbreak of war

Central Powers

VS.

Allied Powers

- Germany
- Austria-Hungary
- Ottoman Empire

- Great Britain
- France
- Italy
- Russia



Major "Fronts" of WWI

Fronts - where the battles are fought

Western Front

- Took place in northern France and Belgium

Eastern Front

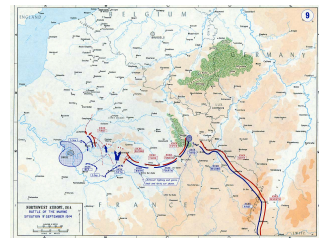
- Took place on the border of Russia and Germany



1st Major Battle of the Western Front

Battle of the Marne River September 1914

- Fought 60 miles outside of Paris
- French forces stopped German advance, forced them to retreat
- Ended Germany's "Schlieffen Plan"



- By 1915 the war in the Western Front becomes a standstill or "stalemate"

Stalemate - neither side can advance or win

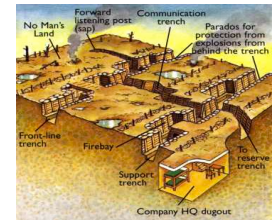
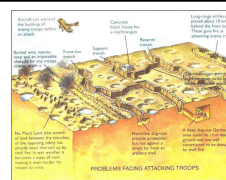
- Both sides "dug in" and created a series of opposing trenches which will last throughout the rest of WWI

Trench Warfare - soldiers fought in ditches

Over the top = soldiers would leave their trench to attack the enemy

Push = soldiers would try to reach and gain control of the enemies trench(es)

No Man's Land = land in between the trenches



Life in the Trenches

- Diseases:

- "Trench Foot"
- Lice and Rats
- "Shell Shock"



- Weather

- Trenches after rain would be filled with mud



- Daily Life:






- Soldiers would live in trenches for sometimes months/years at a time

- Dangers:

- Disease
- Snipers
- Shelling
- Poison Gas



Weapons of World War I

| Weapon | Purpose | |
|--------------|--|---|
| Aircraft | Used for observing enemy armies, shooting and bombing troops, and air-to-air combat. |  |
| Poison gas | Caused blindness and nausea, destroyed respiratory system. |  |
| Machine guns | Firepower equivalent of 60-100 rifles. |  |
| Mortars | Small, portable artillery for close-range attacks. |  |
| Tanks | Armored vehicles used to support infantry attacks. |  |



