

# The Great War 1914-1918

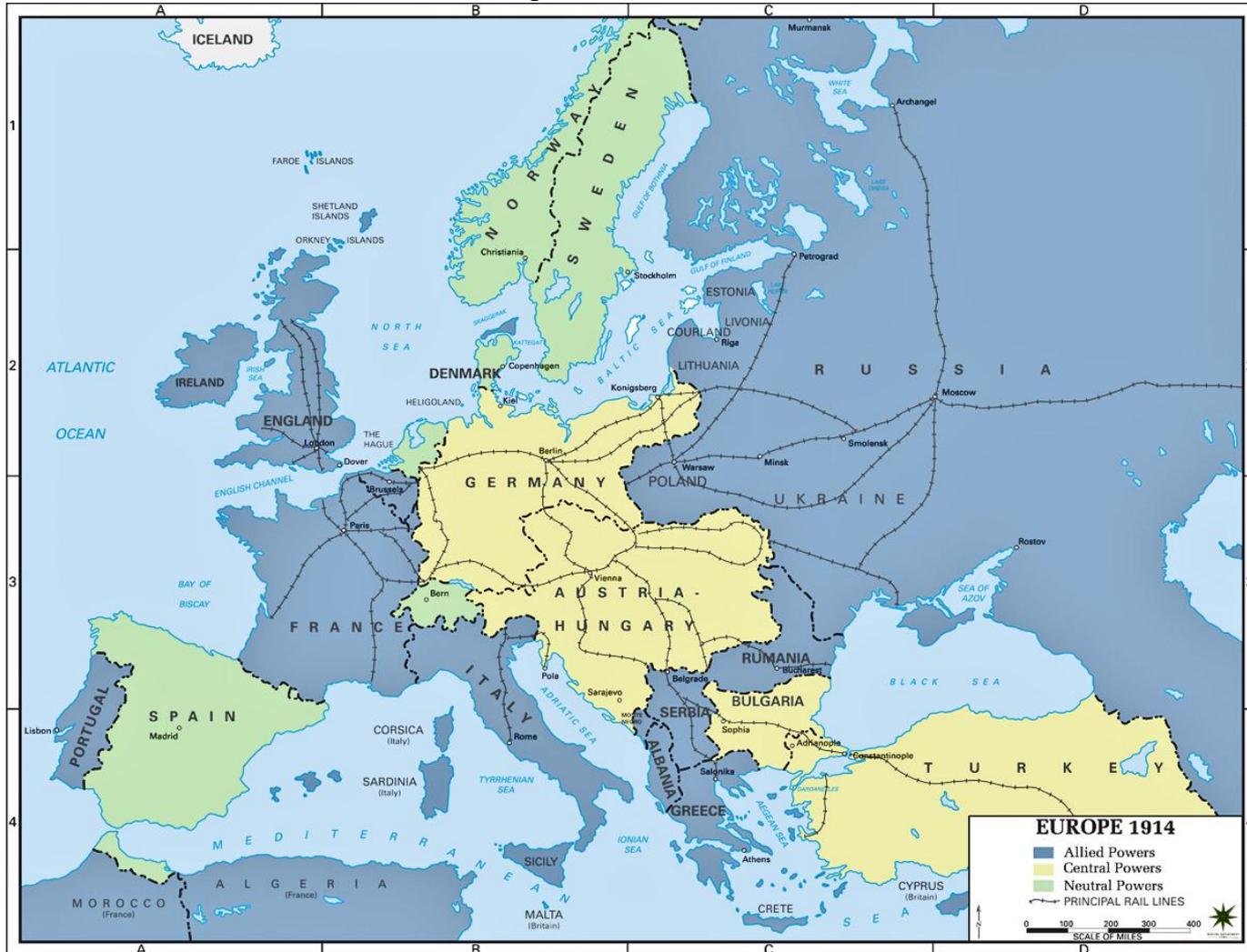


# Vera Brittain

- *Testament of Youth*, 1933
- Nurse during the war
- Poet
- Novelist
- Pacifist



# Europe in 1914



# The Causes of WWI

- The Bismarkian System of alliances
- Nationalism in the Balkans
- Militarization of empires in Europe and competition between nations.
- Belief that a war would not last long.
- Assumptions that Britain would remain neutral.



# Alliances of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries

- **1879 Dual Alliance between Austro-Hungarian Empire and Germany**
- 1881 Three Emperor's Alliance between Russia, Austria-Hungary and Germany.
- 1882 Triple Alliance between Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy.
- 1907 Triple Entente forms in opposition uniting France, Great Britain and Russia (Italy joins in secret to back France)



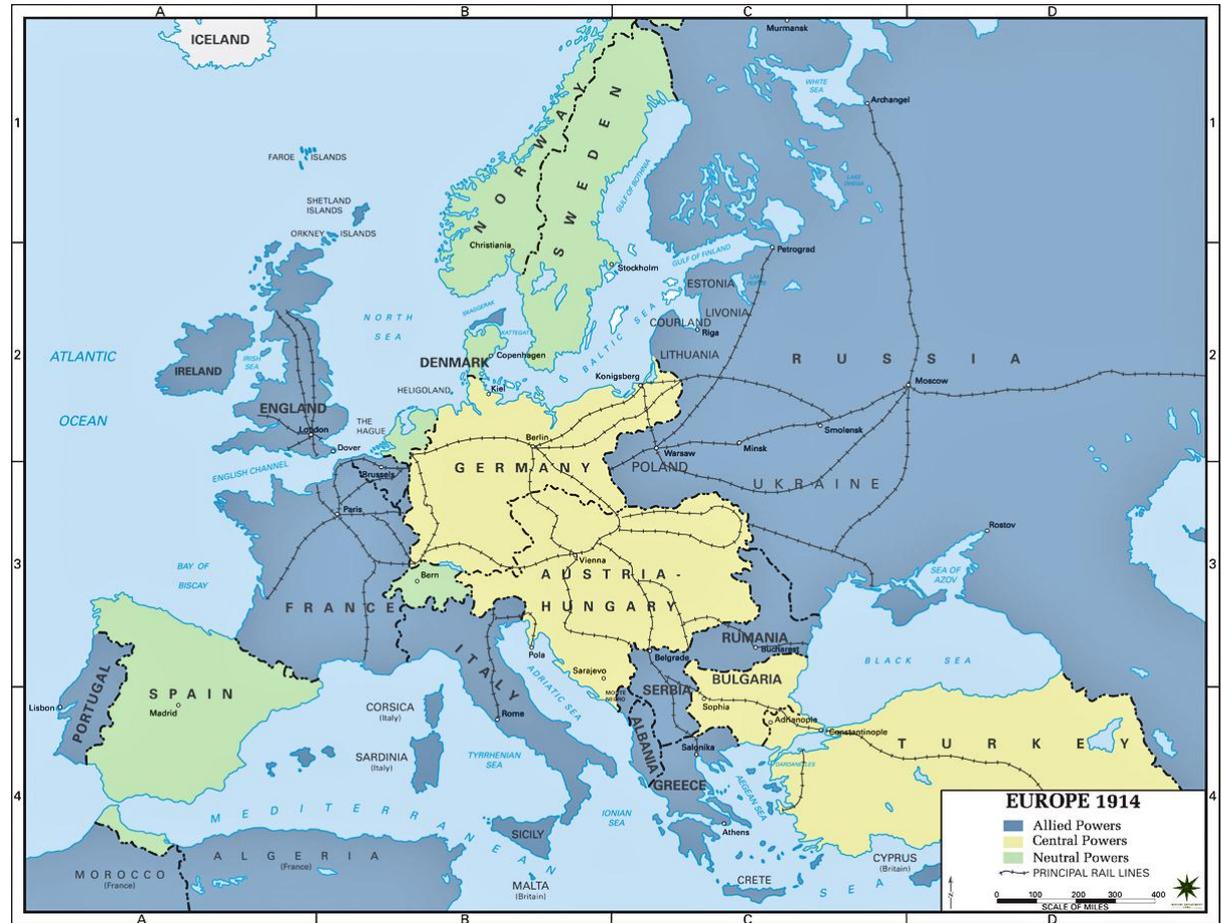
# The Spark

- Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary and his wife Sophie, Duchess of Hohenberg murdered in Sarajevo, June 28, 1914
- Murdered by Gavrilo Princip, Bosnian Serb nationalist and part of the organization the “Black Hand”



# Treaties Unleashed

- <http://www.pbs.org/greatwar/maps/>



# Fritz Haber (1868-1935)

- Invented the chemical process to make ammonia and received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1918
- Went into service to aid the German government during the War
- Created the first gases used in modern warfare. Used in battle at Ypres, France and claimed between 5,000 -15, 000 lives of Allied troops.
- The gas formulated later as a fungicide and named Zyklon A.



# The Treaty of Versailles

- “the unhappy compromise”
- Germany at fault for the war and must pay reparations
- Alsace and Lorraine given to France (had been in German hands since 1871)
- Poland partitioned
- Shandong province in China now under Japanese control.
- Creation of Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Hungary out of the former empire of Austria-Hungary.
- Creation of the League of Nations



# The World the War Made

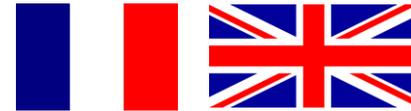
- British Palestine
- The creation of Iraq
- Syria under French control
- Colonial movements for sovereignty in Vietnam and India
- A new word in the United States: Normalcy
- The League of Nations

# the international debt mess of the 1920s . . . .



Germany  
owes huge  
reparations  
to England  
and France

France and England insist on  
collecting from Germany because  
they owe debts to the United States



**What if there was  
a stock market  
crash in the  
United States???**



The U.S. won't ease up  
on France and England's  
war debts . . .

. . . but encourages  
investors to lend money  
to Germany