

## Chapter 14-Day 2

- Most alliances were secret and the attack on Serbia had a domino effect:
  - Austria declared war on Serbia July 28, 1914
  - Russia declared war on Austria
  - Germany declared war on Russia
  - France declared war on Germany
  - Germany marches through Belgium to get to France
  - Great Britain declare war on Germany
- The Triple Entente became the Allies—France, Russia, Great Britain, eventually Italy and U.S.—the good guys
- The Triple Alliance became the Central Powers—Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire—the bad guys
- Germany had been ready for war with France. Quick push through Belgium and they pushed French and British forces back when Russia attacked from the east
- Germany stopped 30 miles from Paris. Next 3 years they fought bloody trench warfare
- The Central Powers were able to stop Russia and push them back. In 1915 alone Russia suffered 2 million killed, wounded or captured but they kept fighting.
- Wilson declare U.S. neutral officially. Unofficially people took sides. German-Americans and Irish Americans were pro Central Powers. Most other Americans favored the Allies.
- Wilson's cabinet was pro British. They felt Allied victory was only way to preserve international balance of power. Business interests tied the U.S. to the Allies. By 1917 Allies had borrowed \$2 billion.
- British propaganda was used to influence American public opinion. They cut the transatlantic cable.
- British blockade in North Sea prevented supplies from reaching Germany
- Germany gets around blockade by using u-boats (submarines). Germany attempts to block supplies from Allies by using unrestricted sub warfare. Feb. 1915 they announce they will sink any ship without warning in water around Great Britain.
- U.S. outraged this violated international law, military vessels were to reveal their intention and provide safety for passengers and crew
- May 7, 1915 Germany sunk British passenger ship the Lusitania, killing 1,200 including 128 Americans
- Wilson and U.S. furious and insist on Germany safeguarding civilians in war zone.
- Germany attacks French passenger ship Sussex injuring several
- Wilson gives one last warning to Germany to stop unrestricted sub warfare or risk war with U.S.