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World War One

The beginning of modern warfare

Do Now

If your friend got into a fight, would you join them or no? Why?

What types of weapons do we have today?

World War 1 - Video

What one word would you use to describe WWI? _____

Why?

Class "one words"

Write at least 4 of your classmates' *one words*

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

4. _____



Station 1 - Reading; United States Enters WWI

When WWI began, the United States viewed it as an 'European war' and did not want to get involved. However, on May 7th 1915, the ocean liner, *Lusitania*, was torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland, killing 1,198 of its 1,959 passengers. The *Lusitania* was a British cruise liner on its way to Britain from New York. Of the 159 Americans on board, 124 perished in the incident. The Germans warned all ships in the area that the water around the United Kingdom was a war zone, however, since the *Lusitania* was a cruise liner, they thought they had safe passage due to international war laws. The Germans maintained that they had a right to torpedo the ship since it was carrying war munitions (weapons and supplies), however, at the time the British denied all claims. A few months later in November, the Germans sunk another cruise liner, this time Italian, in which another 27 Americans were killed.

In 1917 the Germans called for unrestricted warfare in the water around the warring countries. The American government quickly ended all diplomatic relations with Germany, and in April of 1917, President Woodrow Wilson and Congress declared war on Germany, entering into WWI on the side of the Allies.

Think-Pair-Unite

	<u>Your response</u>	<u>Partner's response</u>
<i>Did the Germans have a right to bomb the Lusitania?</i>		
<i>The United States should have entered WWI</i>		
Together claim		



Station 2: Military Alliances

1. Using the map, identify the following countries on the map below.
 - a) *England, France, Germany, Russia, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Serbia, Spain, Ireland, Ottoman Empire*
- 2) Next, color-code the countries that are part of the Central Powers and the Allies.
 - a) Complete the key below to identify the sides.

Key
Central Powers
Allies



**Station 3:** *Trench Warfare*

If there are 5736 soldiers fighting in a trench for the British, according to the estimate, how many will survive?

If a soldier spent one week in the trench, how many hours was he at the firing line?

What were the conditions like for soldiers living in the trenches?

How have the trenches changed the landscape of Europe?

Do you think trenches were an effective way to fight? Why or why not?

Would you like to fight in the trenches? Why or why not?



Station 4: Military Advancements

Use the readings on each weapon to complete the chat.

Technology	How did it change warfare during WWI

Station 5: The War in Numbers

If 70% of the casualties were caused by artillery, how many men in total died from artillery?

What percentage of Allied deaths were American?

Why do you think less Americans died compared to the other Allies?



Virtual Field Trip: WWI

Complete the chart by answering 4 questions (only one per scene)

Scene	Question Level	Response



Exit Ticket

Pretend you are a soldier fighting in Europe during WWI. Write a letter home explaining what the war is like. Be sure to include the side you are fighting on, who you are fighting against and describe one new type of technology.

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