

AIM:

How was World War I a new kind of war?

Do Now

World War I has been described as a “total war”

➤ What do you think is meant by the term total war?

Midterm: Tuesday 9:30

Schlieffen Plan

- *Germany's plan to avoid a two front war*
- *First phase was to invade France through Neutral Belgium.*
- *Quickly Defeat France before Russia could mobilize*
- *Rape of Belgium- violated Belgium neutrality*
- *Britain declares war on Germany*





Europe, 1914

- Central Powers
- Allied Powers
- Nations neutral or not yet aligned



World War I:



Cause and Effect

- What makes something happen; noting a relationship between actions or events and its results.
- Let's take a look at some of the new technologies created as a result of the Industrial Revolution that made World War I a new kind of war

Airplane



Submarine



Tank



Poison Gas



Gas Mask



Flame Thrower



Flame Thrower



How did each of the following change the nature of war?

- Submarine
- airplane
- Tank
- poison gas
- Gas mask
- Flame thrower

World war I

- New Technologies –
 - Human cost: 8.5 million dead – 21 million wounded
 - Financial Cost: \$338 billion
- Total War:
 - Countries devoted all of their resources to the war effort
 - Government told factories what to produce and how much

(Consumer Goods → War Materials)

Handout: *The Next War* by Will Irvin

- According to Irwin, what was early warfare like?
- How was warfare changed since primitive man?
- How were weapons used in World War I different from weapons used in previous wars?
- What does Will Irvin mean by the title “The Next War”?

Discussion:

- What does Will Irvin mean by the title “The Next War”?
- Irwin wrote this in 1920. Do you think he was right about the “next war”?

Trench Warfare





Trench Warfare

- *Life in trenches- miserable, difficult,*
 - *Rain produced deep puddles, mud*
 - *Lice, rats, bad sanitation constant problems*
 - *Removing dead bodies often impossible*

Trench Foot



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