

UNIT 10 Twentieth Century and Beyond

1914 to the Present

1945 UN is formed.
1947 India is independent.
1948 Israel is founded.
1939-1945 World War II

1960-1980 Independence comes to dozens of former colonies.
1969 Apollo 11 lands on moon.
1980 Solidarity Union begins challenging communist rule in Poland.
1991 Persian Gulf War
2001 Terrorists attack World Trade Center and Pentagon.
2003 War in Iraq begins.
2005 Warmest year in a century
2011 South Sudan declares its independence.

1910 1914-1918 World War I
1920 1917 Russian Revolution
1922 1922 Mussolini becomes prime minister of Italy.
1930 1930 Gandhi leads protests against British in India.
1940 1946-1991 Cold War between East and West
1950
1960
1970 1961 Berlin Wall is built.
1965-1973 Vietnam War involves U.S. forces.
1975 Vietnam War ends.
1979 Smallpox is eradicated.
1991 Soviet Union collapses.
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2010

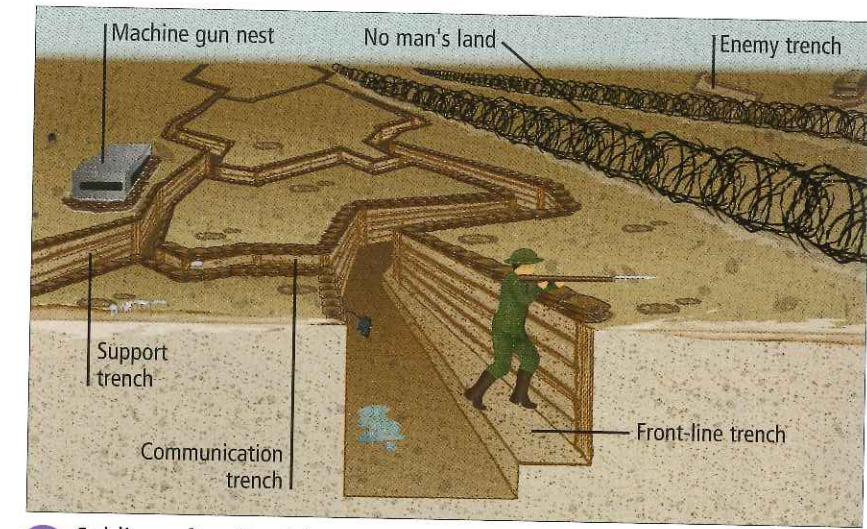
World War I Changes Europe

In 1914 an Austrian archduke was assassinated by a Serbian nationalist. Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, and military alliances soon brought most of Europe into the conflict.

- The war was fought between the Central Powers and the Allies. The main Central Powers were Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire. The Allies included the United Kingdom, France, Russia, Serbia, and later the United States.
- New technology, especially machine guns and chemical weapons, made World War I deadlier than previous wars.
- New countries were formed out of the defeated empires.

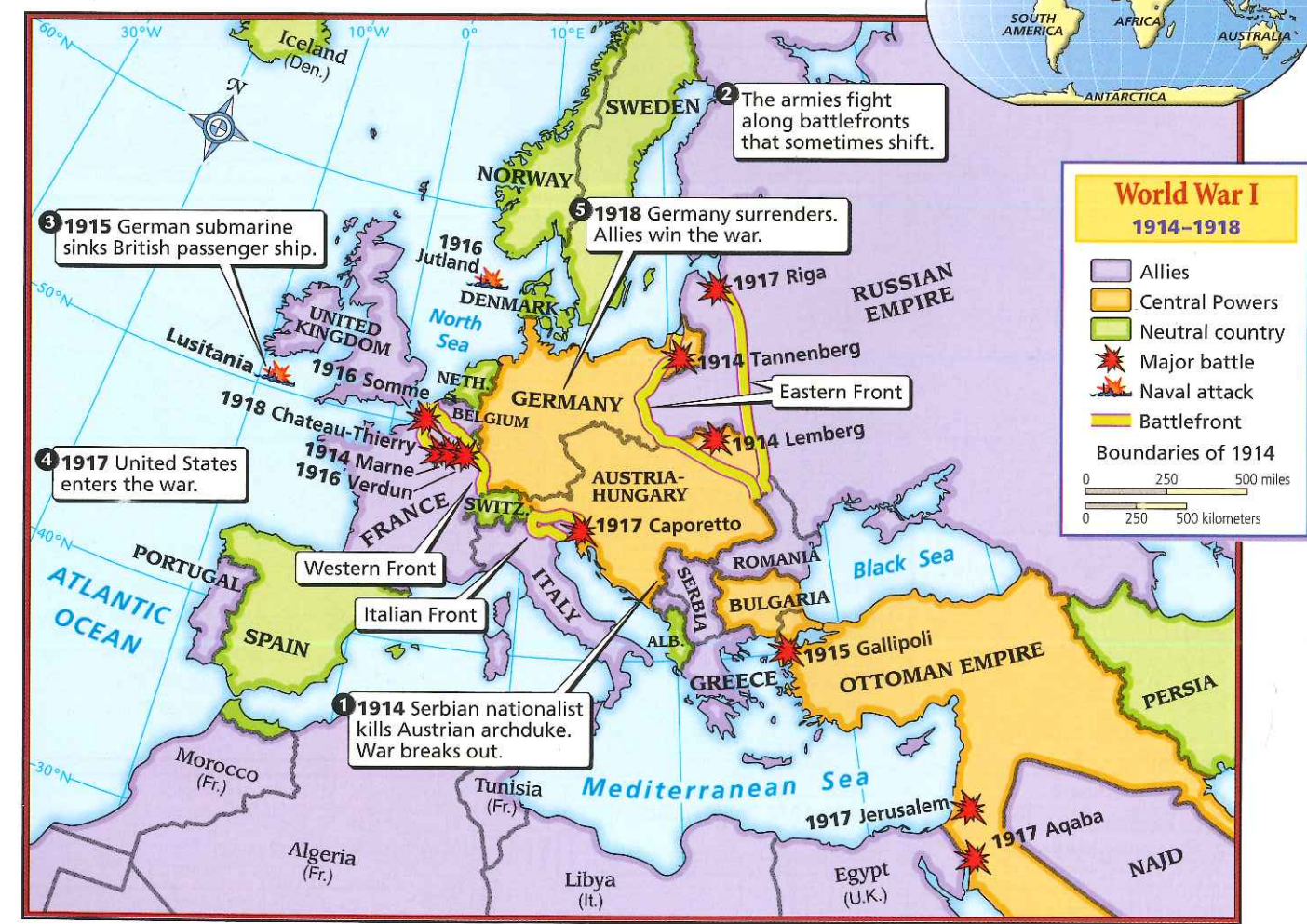
Where was the front?

A front is the long battle zone that forms where two armies meet. The bloodiest fighting in World War I took place on the Western Front. There both sides fought from elaborate defensive trenches.

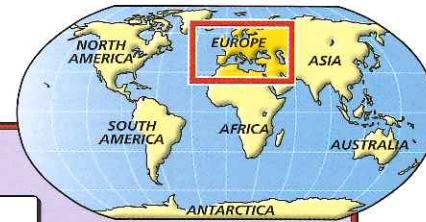


Both sides used poison gases that burned eyes, skin, and lungs, and killed thousands of troops. After the war, most countries agreed to ban chemical warfare.

Soldiers often lived for months in muddy, rat-infested trenches. Artillery, poison gas, and disease killed tens of thousands. Behind the front-line trenches shown here was a vast network of trenches that provided supplies and re-enforcements.

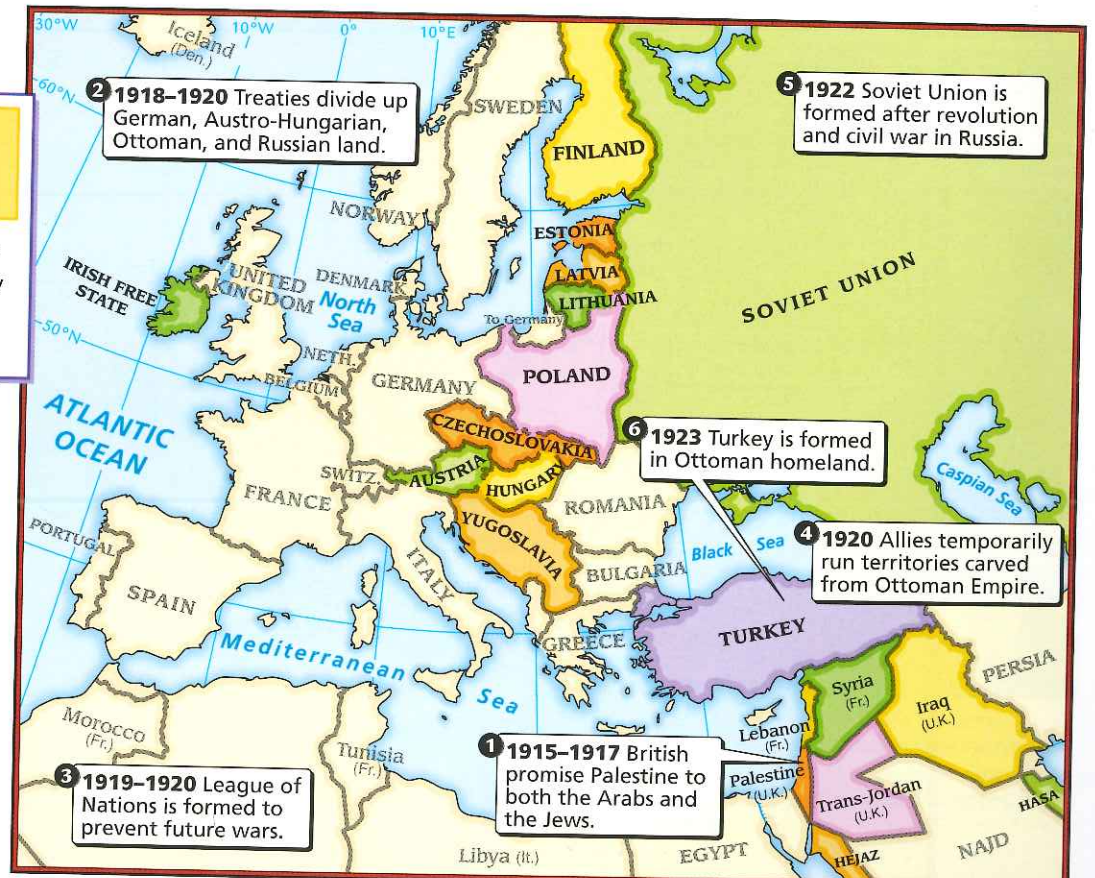


Fighting along the Western Front, the most important battleground, was deadlocked. For over three years, the defensive strength of the trenches prevented the armies on both sides from gaining ground.



New Countries and Territories 1918-1923

POLAND New country
Syria (Fr.) New territory run by Allies
Boundaries of 1923



After the war, boundaries were changed and new countries were carved from the defeated Central Powers—and also from Russia, which had been one of the Allies. Compare the countries on this map with the countries on map A.