**WW1 Project**

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**Pre-War**: Before the war, tensions in Europe were growing and everyone wanted more power. Especially newly unified Prussia (German state).

The last strike for Austria-Hungary was when the Heir to the throne Franz Ferdinand was assassinated by someone who had close ties to the Bosnian Government.

Austria-Hungary declared war on Bosnia with the backing of Prussia.

**War time**: Bosnia was a Russian protectorate so when Austria-Hungary invaded Bosnia, Russia declared war defending their ally Bosnia.

France and Russia were Allies, therefore France declared war on the central powers (Prussia and Austria-Hungary).

Prussia wanted to invade France quickly and then invade Russia, they assumed it would take Russia time to prepare for war!

Prussia couldn’t waste time fighting all of Frances defences along the Prussian border so they wanted to get around them by marching 600000 troops through Belgium to get to France. Britain did not react well to Prussia invading neutral countries so they declared war on Prussia.

Subsequently this was bad news for the central powers since Britain blocked off their Northern supplies and invaded their African colonies. Australia invaded Prussian Papua New Guinea. Japan was allied with Britain and invaded Prussia islands in Asia.

The Central Powers were now losing the War. So Prussia tried quickly storming and in-circling Paris which they nearly did given that their advance had been staggering. However a gap opened in the front line resulting in them re-treating back deeper into Northern France.

This was good News for the Allies, but bad News for the Central Powers. Russia answered France’s call for help by invading Austria-Hungary. However Russia quickly ran out of supplies and the Ottoman empire (Central Powers) declared war on the allies. The Ottoman empire wanted terriority back from Italy and Britain which had been occupied. This made Italy nervous and they joined the allies for protection against the Ottoman Empire. Italy and Austria-Hungary were in a stale-mate for the rest of the war!

The Russian population were starving as a result of being involved in the War. The Prussians seen this as an opportunity and arranged for communists to occupy the Russian capital which led to a Revolution. Russia and Prussia made an agreement that Russia could leave the war on the condition that they could seize the western territory and give Finland independence.

Prussia sent all their Eastern Forces to the west and began sinking civilian ships which had Americian citzens on-board. This angered America!

Prussia sent a telegram to Mexico suggesting that they invade the U.S.A however this was intercepted by British Intelligence who shared this information with America.

This was the final straw for America who dispatched America soldiers over to Europe which the French lines became a stale mate.

The question was who would break first (The answer was Russia) But now which Power would properly fall which was the Ottomen’s followed by Austria-hungary then a total collapse of the German Armed forces.

**Post war**: the world went from having 10 Superpowers to only having 2, the U.S.A and Great Britain. The consequences of losing the war was 2 Empires being dismantled and Prussia being humiliated by the treaty of Versaille.