

World War I Timeline

- "Peace Bertha"
- 1914 - World War I begins
- June 20 - Baroness Von Sutner dies
 - June 28 - radical ~~terrorists~~ group called the Black Hand assassinate the heir to the Austrian throne, Archduke Ferdinand and his wife Sophie. Also the anniversary of the Serbian being conquered by the Ottoman Empire in 1389.
 - July 28 - Austria declares war on Serbia
 - August 1- Germany declares war on Russia

1915

Central

Allies

- Ottomans became convinced that Armenians living on Russian border will revolt against them and betray them to the Russians so they deport Armenians. As a result,

a million Armenians die and this is known as

*the first modern genocide.

- Italy joins the

Allies - land nationalism

1916

- Battle of Verdun - the French battle cry

" **They shall not pass** ";

casualties = 500,000

- Battle of the River Somme 60,000 British soldiers are killed in a single day.

- 1916-1918 - TE Lawrence (aka

Lawrence of Arabia

Arab nomadic tribes

against Ottomans. - guerilla warfare

"**Silk Man**"

oil location

1917

- Sinking of Lusitania by German U-boats
- Zimmerman note - British government intercept a message from Germany to Mexico which claims that Germany will help them win back the lost lands of Texas Arizona, & N. Mexico in exchange for help in WWI. → Allies*
- Czar / Tsar Nicolas II abdicates and Russia withdraw from the war. → step down
- Balfour Document - issued by the British government it promises Jewish people a homeland in Middle East while also promising to preserve the rights of Arab Muslims in the same area.
- Why?
they want support for the war
- Effects? Middle East conflicts

1918

Russia

signs treaty of Brest-Litovsk losing

land with natural resources

- The last King of Prussia and emperor of Germany

abdicates - steps down

- The Austro-Hungarian & Ottoman Empire - central
collapse and the ethnic groups in the
empires begin to form

new nations - self determination

- Armistice ending the fighting is signed