Crash Course European History: Viewing Guide
Episode 33: WWI - Many Battlefields

Terms to know from this episode:
- “blank check”
- Jean Juares
- Schlieffen Plan
- Battle of Verdun
- Battles of Somme
- Christmas Truce of 1914
- Spanish Flu (aka Influenza Pandemic of 1918)
- Woodrow Wilson
- Fourteen Points

1. For context, what does Serbia have to do with the outbreak of WWI?

2. Austria and Germany mobilized their armies while virtually simultaneously ________________ came to the defense of its ally, Serbia. ________________ mobilized to aid its ally Russia. The wild card was ________________, which Germany thought would not come to the aid of Britain’s frequent historical enemy _________________.

3. On the eve of full mobilization, a French nationalist assassinated ________________, who was a powerful socialist and pacifist working for peace.

4. Germany had a plan to defeat France that involved marching through neutral Belgium and encircling Paris. What was the plan called?

5. “The war would be over by ________________________________.”

6. How did fighting differ on the Eastern and Western fronts?

7. “During the battles of ________________________________ and the ________________________________, literally millions of shells were fired, making for millions of casualties and resulting only in stalemate.”

8. In October 1914, ________________________________ joined the Central Powers, and in 1915 ________________________________ joined the Allies.

9. Many people in colonial armies on the western front were put into the very ________________________________, meaning they would take the first machine gun fire.
10. In the famous __________________________________________________________________ of 1914, soldiers from both sides on the Western Front left their trenches and met in No Man’s Land, playing soccer, exchanging mementos, and serenading each other.

11. Name one new technology developed in WWI.

12. ____________________________________________. tried to capture the soldier’s horror at the battlefield experience.

13. In 1915, the ________________________________ government ordered their troops to systematically eradicate ___________________________, leading to the torture and death of an estimated 600,000 to 1 million people.

14. America entered the war on the side of the ________________________________

15. But war-weariness was simultaneously bringing ____________________________________________, especially in Russia, mutinies, especially among the French; and even starvation in cities like Vienna.

16. ____________________________________________, a variety of flu that often struck the young and healthy, was also beginning to attack troops.

17. President Wilson issued the ________________________________, a set of principles on which peace should be based.

18. Wartime deaths, including civilians, are loosely calculated at ________________________________.

19. Given America’s late entrance into WWI, how do you think the European experience (civilians and soldiers) was likely different than for Americans?

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