

Gallipoli & the Final Showdown with Germany

- Ottomans joined Central Powers Oct. 1914
- Allies created 3rd front against Ottomans - alternative to stalemate in France



- Ottomans controlled the Dardanelles Strait between Black Sea and Mediterranean Sea & the Gallipoli Peninsula

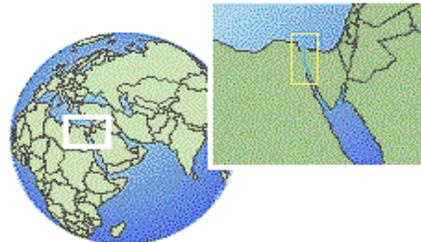
- Allies needed to control the strait in order to supply Russia

- Allies (British, French, Australian, New Zealanders) attack the Ottomans at Gallipoli

- Gallipoli Campaign - April 1915 to January 1916

- A failure for the Allies other than creating a diversion

- Ottomans were also a threat to the Suez Canal - vital link between Red Sea & Med. Sea



- British adventurer **T.E. Lawrence** helped mobilize a successful Arab revolt against the Turks
 - **Lawrence of Arabia**
 - **Removes Ottoman threat**



Final Showdown

- **With Russia out of the war, Germany could focus everything on the western front**
 - Germans needed to act quickly before the Americans could mobilize in Europe
 - **March 1918 - launched all-out attack on France**
 - Made it all the way back to the Marne River
 - Again, the Allies held - stalled the German advance
 - **Germans were running out of troops - using boys**
 - Also running out of supplies & food
 - **U.S. troops began fighting for the Allies - fresh men & equip.**
 - U.S. & French troops pushed Germans back
 - **Aug. 1918 - Allies punched back**
 - Used **tanks** to pierce enemy lines
 - Central Powers began to crumble under the Allied pressure
 - **Bulgaria surrendered in September 1918**
 - **Ottomans called for peace in October 1918**
 - **A revolution broke out in Austria in November 1918**
 - Hapsburg Empire comes to an end
 - **Austrians surrender**
 - **Nov. 9, 1918 - Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicated**
 - Germany's new govt. - **Weimar Republic**
 - Reps. of the new govt. called for peace
 - **Armistice - agreement to stop fighting** - signed by German rep. in a railway car in a forest near Paris
 - **The fighting stopped on Nov. 11, 1918 at 11 AM**
 - *11th hour of 11th day of 11th month of 1918*