

## The Alliances and the Losses

**The Central Powers**  
(Formerly the Triple Alliance)

- **Germany**
- **Austria-Hungary**
- **Ottoman Empire**
- **Bulgaria**

**The Allies**  
(Formerly the Triple Entente)

- **France**
- **Russia**
- **Great Britain**
- **Italy**
- **Japan**
- **The United States**

- In all, **31 nations** had declared war against one or more other countries during World War I
  - Not all actually sent troops
- There was a tremendous loss of life in the war
  - **More than 8.5 million military personnel dead**
    - Countless civilian deaths as well
  - **Nearly 70% (15.4 million men) of total # soldiers mobilized by the Central Powers (22.8 million men) were casualties of war**
    - Casualties = dead, wounded, missing in action
  - **52% (22 million) of total allied soldiers (42.2 million)**
  - **Germany had the highest # killed (1.8 million men)**
    - U.S. lost 126,000

### Key Battles

**Battle of Verdun – 1916**

A German offensive

700,000 killed

Neither side gained any ground when the battle was over

**Battle of the Somme – 1916**

An Allied offensive

500,000 killed

First use of tanks in battle

**Battle of Ypres – 1916**

400,000 killed

First use of poison gas

- **Trench warfare changed how people viewed the war**