12-3 Americans on the European Front

x. Setting the Scene
- Wilson President
- Country + Congress Supports the war
- Country Ø ready.
  - Were 16th in U.S. military size around the world.
  - Poor outdated Equipment.
  - U.S. Changed its military policy after Roosevelt. Used Ø to invest in other Countries instead of fighting them.
- Allies desperately need troop replacements.

x. Preparing for war.
- U.S. Provided $3 Billion in loans to the Allies. (money & Supplies)

- Draftees + Volunteers.
  - Selective Service act established to increase our military size.
  - American Expeditionary Force - People volunteered and were NOT drafted
  - + thousands of women enlist
    - nurses. drivers, clerks.
- Training for war.
  - Hundreds of training Camps constructed.
  - Trained in "latest" fighting tactics.

- Convoy System.
  - Merchant ships traveled together. Surrounded by naval battleships (very Sucessful.

- American Soldiers in Europe -
  - June 1917
  - American Generals insisted American troops fight as 1 unit.
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    - Believed American forces would be offensive & defensive - Quicker victory.
    - European Allies only had been fighting defensively & offensively
    - 300,000 African Americans drafted
      - Ø Combat roles
      - our military was still segregated
      - Only manual labor
      - French take an entire black regiment - Very Successful.

Turning the TIDE
- When Americans enters the war the balance of Power favored the Allies -
- Russian exiled. Vladimir Lenin - promises to overthrow the "newly formed" Democratic govt & sign a peace treaty with Germany -
  - Germans help Lenin gain control of Russia.
- Russia exits the war Germans quickly move troops to the west (France) BY Americans can prepare -

- Germany pushes to Paris
- American General refuse to allow his troops to dig trenches - No falling back -

- French Capital saved
- BATTle of the Marne = last German attack (offensive). -LOST-

- Allied counter attack-
  - 250,000 American troops arrive each month-
  - Allies use tanks (new development) to sweep across the "No mans Land" between trenches.
  - German Generals know the war can't be won beg Kaiser Wilhelm to seek a peace settlement B4 all is lost.

WAR in the Air
- U.S. = SS Planes - to primative for the war
  Quickly developed hundreds of planes
  - Scout planes, dog fights, Bombing Runs to cut off supplies-

Ending the WAR
- Central powers collaps one x one-
- Armistice Signed ~~Sep~~ 11-11-11-1918 the fighting stops

Influenza Epidemic - Europe & America
- Millions Killed more than war time battles.

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Results of the WAR

- Americans 50,000 Soldiers in battle more from illness
- 8 million European soldiers died 5,000/day of the battle.
- Millions more Civilians died.
  - diseases, starvation
- Ottomans ~~murdered~~ murdered thousands of ~~an~~ Armenians believed to be disloyal to the Ottoman Empire.