The Great War

World War 1
The Middle East
and
Turkey
A Pacifist Talks about War and the Insanity of it all

Jeannette Rankin
1880–1973
Women's Rights Activist
U.S. Representative Montana

First term 1917-19
Second Term 1941-43
Personal Links
Europe Plunges into War

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Gallipoli

Caucasus

Sinai

Mesopotamia

Persian

1914

Ottoman Empire before WWI

Independent Islamic states or polities

Modern state boundaries
The Rise & Fall of the Ottoman Empire

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The Middle East at the beginning of the 20th Century

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Waiting for morning to head through the Bosporus
The Battle at Gallipoli
Gallipoli

Australia New Zealand Army Corps
“When they see our battleships they will lay down their arms……”
"Our life here is truly hellish. Fortunately, my soldiers are very brave and tougher than the enemy.

What is more, their private beliefs make it easy to carry out orders which send them to their death.

They see only two supernatural outcomes; victory for the faith or martyrdom which means go straight to heaven. There the houris, God's most beautiful, will meet them and satisfy their desires for all eternity.

What great happiness!"

............Ataturk biography by Charles Mango
"Unless a nation's life faces peril, war is a crime."

Mustafa Kemal ATATÜRK
The Caucasus

Map showing the ethnic plurality in the region, colored by dominant ethnicity as follows:
- Abkhaz
- Ingush
- Kabardin
- Azeri
- Karachay
- Armenian
- Kumyk
- Avar
- Lak
- Lezgin
- Balkar
- Mingrelian and Svan
- Chechen
- Nogay
- Dargin
- Ossetian
- Georgian
- Russian
- No Dominant Group
In 1915, the people of what is today known as Turkey began the killing of the Armenian people. The Armenians were starved and forced to either walk to their death or be forced into unpaid labor where they would also starve to death.

Genocides happening after the Armenian genocide are believed to have been modeled after it. One such case was the Holocaust which is known of around the world.

After death, bodies were often decapitated and had their heads mounted on sticks as trophies.

We Remember 1915 Armenian Genocide
“The more or less peaceful co-existence of Armenians and Muslims which had lasted for over a thousand years, was ended in one generation.” - Charles Mango
Turkey
after
World War I
Sykes-Picot Agreement

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVqhfdcs2b0

Sir Mark Sykes

F. Georges-Picot

Sykes-Picot Agreement in 1916

- French rule
- British rule
- French influence
- British influence
- *Palestine: Allied Condominium Under international control

500 km
In the decades ending with the War of Independence in 1922 estimates indicate that Turkey lost a full 20% of its population as casualties of war.
Treaty of Lausanne (July 24, 1923)
Şirince
The Middle East after World War 1
Syrian Refugee October 2013
In a recent speech, Mr. Erdogan offered an assessment appealing to his religious Sunni Muslim base — and echoed by militants with the Islamic State — that the Middle East crisis stems from the actions of the British and French after World War I, and the borders drawn between Iraq and Syria under the Sykes-Picot pact. Mr. Erdogan invoked Sykes-Picot saying, “each conflict in this region has been designed a century ago.” He suggested a new plot was underway, and that “journalists, religious men, writers and terrorists” were the collective reincarnation of T.E. Lawrence, the British diplomat and spy immortalized in the movie “Lawrence of Arabia.”

New York Times  11.01.14
Turkey Leader, Using Conflicts, Cements Power
Commentators and analysts alike have observed that the ‘Arab Spring’ heralds the final unraveling of Sykes-Picot Legacy.
Europe after World War I

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Conclusions?

By Kristian Coates Ulrichsen
My Conclusions
Thank You!