## WORDS TO KNOW!

- **Isolationist:** a desire or policy to avoid political and financial relations with other countries
- Trench warfare: a form of war where opposing sides fight from systems of trenches dug into the ground to protect soldiers from artillery and machine gun fire.
- Allied Powers: included Great Britain, France, Belgium, Russia, Italy, and Japan. The US was an associated member.
- Central Powers: included Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey, and Bulgaria.
- **Doughboy:** a friendly nickname for an American soldier
- Censor: to examine something in order to take out information that is undesirable; during war, to prevent soldiers from sending letters with sensitive information that could aid the enemy.
- Front Line: the military line or part of an army that is closest to the enemy.

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- No Man's Land: the land between enemy trenches that was filled with artillery holes, dead bodies, and barbed wire.
- Zimmerman Telegram: a telegram sent from Germany to Mexico asking Mexico to declare war on the United States if the United State joined WWI and declared war on Germany.
- **Armistice:** the effective end of a war, when the parties agree to stop fighting.
- Mustard Gas: a chemical weapon used by Germany during WWI that was so harmful the Geneva Convention outlawed its use in 1925
- Rationing: limiting the use or supply of; government limitations on supplies, especially during times of war
- **Propaganda:** information designed to make people feel a certain way or to believe a certain thing