

WORLD WAR I

A Social Studies Unit
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On June 28, 1914, Archduke Francis Ferdinand (heir to the Austrian-Hungarian throne) was assassinated during a visit to Sarajevo. At the time of the assassination, Bosnia was the focal point of a dispute between Austria-Hungary and Serbia. The Austrian-Hungarian government was convinced that Serbia was behind the assassination and used the event as an excuse to crush its enemy. Upon declaration of war a chain reaction began leading most of Europe to war. Most Americans were reluctant to get involved, but powerful forces including German submarines and American commercial interests- pulled the nation into battle. By 1917 U.S. soldiers had joined Europeans in the trenches of war. When the guns

finally quieted, President Wilson launched a campaign for a peace treaty and a new organization that would prevent such a tragedy from ever happening again.

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Hello teachers! Just wanted to wish you well with this unit on World War I. It has been extremely popular with my students and I hope it is for yours as well. I just wanted to quickly let you know how my class works.

Writing Prompts:

At the start of each lesson you will usually see WP followed by a question or instruction. My students are required to keep a learning log where they record their answers to the writing prompts. They need to re-write the question and then answer in using at least 4-5 sentences. I give them about 3-5 minutes at the first of class and then we spend about the same amount of time discussing their answers.

Free-writes:

Periodically you will see a question listed as a free-write. I use these as an informal method of seeing what my students know or how they feel. They are not graded for correct grammar and punctuation. I give students about five minutes to answer the question by writing down everything that comes to mind about the topic being addressed.

Internet:

I am lucky enough to have computer and internet access readily available. Therefore, a lot of my lessons use the internet. You will need to adapt them for your situation.

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Name: _____

1. List **and** DESCRIBE the four causes of WWI.
2. Even though America declared neutrality when the war broke out, many Americans felt personally involved. Why? (Hint: make up of population).
3. List and describe the two movements that emerged in the United States?
4. List and describe the five reasons the United States decided to enter the war.
5. Describe Trench Warfare.

6. At the start of the war what were the three main components of armies (weapons)?

7. List the four main battles of the war and describe what happened at each one.

Define or describe the following terms:

NATIONALISM:

IMPERIALISM:

NEUTRALITY:

U-BOAT:

LUSITANIA:

FOURTEEN POINTS:

SELF-DETERMINATION:

LEAGUE OF NATIONS:

REPARATIONS:

VERSAILLES TREATY:

World War I Test A

Name: _____

Fill in the blank

1. _____ proposed a peace program called the _____.
2. The _____ movement wanted to set up education programs and training camps "just in case" U.S were to get involved in the war.
3. America felt the use of _____ (submarines) by Germany was unjust and unfair.
4. Wilson wanted _____ for Austria-Hungary so that they would be able to decided their own future.
5. Article 10 was a provision that stated "
_____"
(in regards to war).
6. The city the treaty was signed in was called _____.
7. British wanted _____ from Germany or 33 billion dollars to pay for economic injury during war.
8. The first use of poison gas was at the battle of _____.
9. Austria- Hungary was a(n) _____ power or country.
10. American soldiers were called "_____".
11. The _____ movement was totally against United States entering the war and actively campaigned against it.
12. The Battle of _____ was one of the biggest slaughters in military history.

Short Answer

13. Upon war breaking out in Europe many Americans felt torn and personally involved.

Why?

14. List and describe the three types of weapons used at the start of WWI?
15. Name at least two new types of warfare developed during the war.
16. Describe trench warfare.
17. Describe how German Americans were treated and why.
18. What is the League of Nations and why did congress reject it?
19. List the "Big Four" that attended the peace conference.
20. What is significant about the battle of Cambrai?
21. Numerous battles took place at Marne (all four years). What is ironic about this?

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Use a different piece of paper to answer the following two questions.

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23. List and DESCRIBE four (out of five) reasons that the United States entered the war.

*****Remember- you must explain why each particular event encouraged the U.S. to enter*****

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Test B

Name: _____

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