World War I Study Guide

Explain the sequence of events that brought about World War I.

The Fighting Begins

June 28, 1914 - ________________________ declares war on ________________________

July 30, 1914 - ________________________ prepares to help ________________________

August 1, 1914 - ________________________ declares war on ________________________

August 3, 1914 - ________________________ declares war on ________________________

August 4, 1914 - ________________________ invades ________________________, therefore

______________________ declares war on _________________________

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In your opinion, why do you believe that these countries were so quick to declare war with one another when they knew that so many people would be affected and hurt?

WWI ALLIANCES MAP

What was it like to fight in a trench?
The United States Enters the War

1. The United States wanted to ____________________ of the war because it had a policy of isolationism, the belief that each country _________________________________.

2. On May 7, 1915, a German _________________________ torpedoed and sank the British steamship, the _______________________________. More than _______ U.S. citizens were killed

3. In 1917, the U.S. learned that a telegram had been sent from _________________ to _________________ asking Mexico to join the war on the side of the _________________ Powers.
   a. Germany promised to help Mexico gain back land in the United States.
   b. In March 1917, Germany attacked three American trade ships and killed members on board
      i. Why? ________________________________

After all of these events, do you think that America should have joined WWI or not?

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a. On April 6, 1917, ________________________________

4. When Americans arrived in Europe, it ________________________________ the fighting strength of the Allied Powers
   a. More than ________________________________ American soldiers, sailors, and marines fought in WWI
New Technologies

Examples: _________________________________________________________________

War's Impact at Home

American's helped in the war effort by:

How do you think Americans' efforts to help at home affected soldiers that were overseas?

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The War Ends

- On November 11, 1918, the ______________________ surrendered.

- In January 1919, President _________________________ and other Allied leaders met in ______________________, France to draw up a peace treaty.
  - They created the ___________________________________________ to prevent future wars.
  - The Treaty made ____________________ pay heavy ______________________ and did not let it rebuild its army.

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What kind of future problems do you think this treaty is going to cause? How will it negatively impact the country of Germany?


Unfortunately, the Treaty of Versailles eventually leads the world into...
World War I Study Guide KEY

Explain the sequence of events that brought about World War I.

1. Nationalism: the love of one’s country and the desire to see it free from control

2. European countries competed with one another for greater wealth and power

3. Alliances formed - agreement among nations to defend one another

4. Central Powers: Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey
   Allied Powers: Great Britain, France, Russia, Serbia, and Belgium

5. A Serbian nationalist assassimates Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and Austria-Hungary declares war

The Fighting Begins

- June 28, 1914 - Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia because of the assassination
- July 30, 1914 - Russia prepares to help Serbia because they are afraid their trading route will be disrupted
- August 1, 1914 - Germany asks Russia to back down, but Russia refuses. Germany declares war on Russia.
- August 3, 1914 - Germany asks France whose side they will be on. France does not respond, so Germany declares war on France.

August 4, 1914 - Germany invades Belgium, therefore Great Britain declares war on Germany

In your opinion, why do you believe that these countries were so quick to declare war with one another when they knew that so many people would be affected and hurt?

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The United States Enters the War

1. The United States wanted to stay out of the war because it had a policy of isolationism, the belief that each country should handle their own affairs.

2. On May 7, 1915, a German submarine torpedoed and sank the British steamship, the Lusitania. More than 100 U.S. citizens were killed.

3. In 1917, the U.S. learned that a telegram had been sent from Germany to Mexico asking Mexico to join the war on the side of the Central Powers.
a. Germany promised to help Mexico gain back land in the United States.

b. In March 1917, Germany attacked three American trade ships and killed members on board

i. Why? They didn't want supplies to get to the Allied Powers

After all of these events, do you think that America should have joined WWI or not?

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b. On April 6, 1917, Congress declared war on Germany.

4. When Americans arrived in Europe, it dramatically increased the fighting strength of the Allied Powers

a. More than four million American soldiers, sailors, and marines fought in WWI

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New Technologies

Examples: poison gas, gas masks, airplanes, machine guns, tanks, submarines

War's Impact at Home
American's helped in the war effort by:

- Sang patriotic songs
- Gave money to the Red Cross
- Raised “war gardens” to help feed people at home and overseas
- Government encouraged people to eat less
- Women went to work in factories to make weapons, tanks, and ammunition
- African Americans took over many jobs that men had left behind

How do you think Americans’ efforts to help at home affected soldiers that were overseas?

The War Ends

- On November 11, 1918, the Central Powers surrendered.

- In January 1919, President Woodrow Wilson and other Allied leaders met in Versailles, France to draw up a peace treaty.
  
  o They created the League of Nations to prevent future wars.
  
  o The Treaty made Germany pay heavy fines and did not let it rebuild its army.

What kind of future problems do you think this treaty is going to cause? How will it negatively impact the country of Germany?

Unfortunately, the Treaty of Versailles eventually leads the world into... World War 2