

WWI Review

1. Know the causes for US Entry to WWI and the effect that each one had on drawing us closer to war.

The British Blockade: Stopping food and weapons from resupplying Germany → Caused Germany to grow desperate and retaliate with U-boats.

Sinking of the Lusitania: British passenger ship carrying weapons sunk by U-boats killing 128 Americans → Caused US public to be angry towards the Germans

Sussex Pledge: After the sinking of the ferry, Germany promised not to sink any more passenger vessels (to restrict their targets to military) → Drew a line in the sand that we would have to defend if Germany crossed it.

Zimmerman Telegram – Germany trying to get Mexico to start a war with the US to distract us from getting involved in WWI. → Caused public opinion to shift, Americans now believed war was unavoidable.

Unrestricted Submarine Warfare: Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare and aggressively targeted military and civilian ships on the open water → Violated the “freedom of the seas” and gave the US the legal justification to enter WWI.

2. What principle did Germany violate when it resumed “Unrestricted Submarine Warfare”?

“Freedom of the Seas” → Ships from non-warring and civilian vessels have a right to freely navigate in open waters.

3. Who was John J. Pershing and what was his contribution to WWI?

John. Pershing was the commander of the American Expeditionary Force in WWI. He insisted that our troops were well-trained and that they fight together.

4. Know and understand each of the parts of M.A.N.I.A.

M→ Militarism – Building up of huge standing militaries in European countries.

A→ Alliance System – Complex alliance systems ensured that a small conflict would grow to engulf the entire continent.

N→ Nationalism – Extreme pride in one's own country

I→ Imperialism – A strong country taking over a weak country, politically or economically. This was a common trend in Europe.

A→ Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand – His death was the spark that initiated the conflict that would activate competing alliance systems and draw most of Europe into WWI.

5. Where did American Forces fight in WWI?

The Western Front → The France and German Border and France and Belgium Border.

6. Explain the cause and effect relationship between tanks, Machine Guns, and Trench Warfare.

Machine guns caused Trench Warfare

Trench Warfare caused a Stalemate

Tanks were created to cross "no mans land" and end the stalemate

7. What are some of the new technology unveiled during WWI?

Tanks, Poison Gas/ Gas Masks, Airplanes, Tanks, Machine Guns

8. What was the intent of Wilson's 14 Points?

A series of proposals in which U.S. president Woodrow Wilson outlined a plan for achieving a lasting peace after World War I. He insisted the need for a "League of Nations" and the cooperation of other countries.

9. What was the purpose of the Selective Service/Draft?

Increase the size of the military upon entering WWI

10. Describe Isolationist in regards to the Treaty of Versailles?

Isolationist wanted to focus on America only and not be tied politically or militarily to other countries. Many in Congress saw the League of Nations as an entangling alliance system and refused to sign the Treaty of Versailles.

11. Describe what was happening on the Homefront During WWI.

With millions of men going to war, it opens many job opportunities for women and African Americans. The Government used propaganda to encourage support for the war, as well as motivate women to take jobs in the factories. They also used propaganda to sell war bonds to help finance the war.

12. How were constitutional rights under attack during WWI?

The Espionage and Sedition Acts attempted to limit free speech by making it illegal to say or publish anti-war material. However it was later ruled unconstitutional because it violated 1st amendment protections of freedom of speech.