

**Historical Background:**

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**DIRECTIONS** Write all of your answers in area below each question. Use the links provided on the website to find the answers to the questions. Be sure to answer each question with complete sentences!

**Section 1 : Choosing sides:**

1) -Triple Entente

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-Triple Alliance

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-Allied Powers (5 major countries)

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-Central Powers (4 major countries)

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-Neutrals (7 major countries)

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2) Which side did the United States eventually join? Why?

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3) List and **describe** the 4 MAIN causes of World War I. *(hint-I have given you the first letter of each)*

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4) What was the spark that led to the immediate cause of World War I?

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5) Who was General Schlieffen, and what was his plan for World War I? What was his country trying to avoid by implementing this plan?

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## **Section 2 : Weapons of World War 1:**

1) List and describe 4 weapons introduced in World War I. Be sure to explain their effectiveness and how they were used.

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2) What is propaganda? What were four reasons propaganda posters were used?

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## **Section 3: Life in the Trenches:**

1) What and where was the Western Front? What was the purpose of a trench?



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2) What was No Man's Land? (*Please be sure to describe at least three distinct features*) What did it mean to go 'over the top'?

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3) What is trench foot? What caused trench foot? What affects did it have on the body? What was the remedy for it?

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4) Read the diary entries from Thomas Fredrick Littler and answer the following:

- Describe some common repetitive themes (*tasks*) of trench life.
- Define stalemate, How does the definition of this word describe life in the trenches?

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#### **Section 4: America enters the War:**

1) What was the Lusitania? What is the significance of the Lusitania in the War? How many people died and were there any Americans on board?



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2) What is the Zimmerman Telegram and who wrote it? Why did Americans feel threatened by this telegram? (Think Monroe Doctrine).

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3) In the telegram, what did the German government decide to begin on Feb. 1, 1917? What was promised to Mexico in the telegram?

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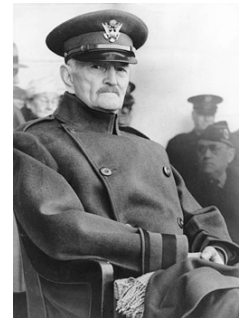
4) When did the United States declare war on Germany? Who was John J. Pershing?

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5) What was the Brest-Litovsk Treaty? How did it affect the fighting on the Western Front? (Think Schlieffen Plan)

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### **Section 5: Results of the War:**

1) What was the name of President Wilson's proposed peace plan that he referred to in his speech to Congress on January 8, 1918?

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2) What did Wilson call for in his 14<sup>th</sup> point?

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3) What country lost the most soldiers and has the most missing? How many American soldiers died and what was the total number of soldiers who died in the war?

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4) When did the war end? When was the Treaty of Versailles signed? Why are these dates significant?

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5) What were the conditions placed upon Germany in the Treaty of Versailles?

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### **Reflection Assignment**

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Using the information acquired from your Webquest, write a FAT paragraph (at least 9-11 sentences) to answer the questions below:

**What role did America play in the Great War? Be sure to include the U.S. role prior to the declaration of war in 1917 as well as our role in the post-war peace settlement. Be complete and use examples from the WebQuest.**

-Be sure to use specific examples from your World War I Webquest as well as other information provided in class.

-Be sure the essay has clarity and answers the question.