

1. According to the reading, what were the **fundamental** causes of World War I?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Because of \_\_\_\_\_ feelings and old \_\_\_\_\_ two “alliances” were formed in Europe.
3. What nations belonged to the Central Powers (Triple Alliance)?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ e. \_\_\_\_\_
4. What nations belonged to the Allied Powers (Triple Entente)?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Each member of an alliance agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ of one of its \_\_\_\_\_ was attacked.
6. What was the **immediate** cause of World War I?
7. Trace the events that led to the beginning of the war:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ blamed \_\_\_\_\_ for the assassination.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ announced it would support \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ renewed its pledge to support \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ declared war on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. When this happened, Russia began to mobilize its army to attack Austria-Hungary and defend Serbia.
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ declared war on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Russia’s ally who was also preparing for war.
  - g. \_\_\_\_\_ marched through neutral \_\_\_\_\_ to attack \_\_\_\_\_ . This brought \_\_\_\_\_ into the war.
8. When the war began, the policy of the US government was to remain \_\_\_\_\_ (not take sides).
9. U.S. merchants wanted to continue to \_\_\_\_\_ with both sides in the war.
10. What is “contraband?” \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. What is meant by “freedom of the seas?” \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ violated American rights to freedom of the seas.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ blockaded the North Sea entrance to \_\_\_\_\_ ports to keep the U.S. from trading with that nation.
  - The Germans used \_\_\_\_\_ to sink ships carrying supplies to Great Britain.
13. What is “propaganda?” \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
14. How did propaganda help the U.S. decide which side of the war to give its support? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
15. According to the “rules of war” \_\_\_\_\_ ships were not to be attacked by warring nations.
16. On May 17, 1915, a German submarine sank the British passenger ship, the \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ Americans were on this ship, and this event almost caused the U.S. to declare war on Germany, but President \_\_\_\_\_ of the U.S. was able to get an \_\_\_\_\_ from Germany and a temporary ban on \_\_\_\_\_ on passenger ships.
17. In \_\_\_\_\_, President Wilson finally asked \_\_\_\_\_ to declare war on \_\_\_\_\_. Two things caused the U.S. decision to enter World War I on the side of the \_\_\_\_\_:
- The \_\_\_\_\_ Note, in which Germany tried to get \_\_\_\_\_ to attack the U.S. if the U.S. declared war on Germany. In return, Mexico was promised \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ after the U.S. and the other allies were defeated.
  - By this time Germany had announced that it would return to a policy of “unrestricted \_\_\_\_\_ warfare,” and several American ships had been sunk by German submarines.
18. Congress declared war on Germany on \_\_\_\_\_. The U.S. had entered World War I!!
19. Before America could participate in the war it had to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ an army and send it to \_\_\_\_\_. Some people were “\_\_\_\_\_” to serve in the armed forces, but many \_\_\_\_\_.
20. In 1917 a revolution occurred in \_\_\_\_\_. The new government in that country \_\_\_\_\_ to Germany in March of 1918. What did this mean?

21. American troops were led by General \_\_\_\_\_ “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” \_\_\_\_\_.  
The fought bravely at \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

22. An \_\_\_\_\_ was declared on November \_\_\_\_\_, 1918. It went into effect at 11:00 a.m.  
(the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month!).

23. Wilson’s goal after the war was to \_\_\_\_\_ future conflicts. His plan for the peace was  
called the \_\_\_\_\_.

24. The leaders of the European Allied nations wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ Germany and gain  
\_\_\_\_\_. Under the terms of the Treaty of \_\_\_\_\_:

- a. Germany was forced to give up \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Germany was forced to pay huge debts called \_\_\_\_\_.

25. Think about it!

- a. Why did Wilson agree to a treaty that was so much different than what he had originally wanted?

- b. Why did the U.S. never join the League of Nations?