Chapter 21 World War One

**Directions:** Answer questions in complete sentences. Place your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

Section 1: The Road to war

Pages 706-711

1. In what way did imperialism become a reason for the First World War to happen?
2. Why would countries feel they needed to build up its military?
3. The text stated, “national groups wanted to break free” from Austria-Hungary, why would they want to?
4. What would it mean for two countries to form an alliance with each other?
5. What was the nationality of the Archduke’s assassin?
6. Draw two rectangles side-by-side, above each one label one “Allies”, the other “Central Powers”. Fill in the rectangles with the countries that are on each side.
7. Take the role of a soldier fighting at the First Battle of the Marne. Write a letter to a relative that describes the battlefield and a battle. Use the information in “The Deadliest War” to help you write the letter.
8. Why would over 140 countries ban the use of gas?
9. Research the definition of the words “impartial” and “neutrality”, then re-state what Woodrow Wilson meant when he made his proclamation.
10. Imagine that you have the task of writing a propaganda advertisement against the Germans.
11. After reading the section “Supplying the Allies”, and knowing the definition of neutrality, do you feel Wilson and the United States was being neutral? Explain.
12. What is a blockade?
13. What does the “U” stand for in German submarines?
14. What effect did the sinking of the *Lusitania* have on the Germans?
15. Besides the Zimmerman telegram, what other action did Germany do to anger America?
16. What does the term “tyranny” mean and why was it important that America didn’t “side with one?

Section 2: Supporting the war effort

Pages 712-715

1. What is another word for “selective service”?
2. How would you feel if the country was attacked and you (if you’re a male) or a male love one (if you are a female) had to register for selective service and go to war? Explain.
3. Make a chart that lists each of the women mentioned in “Women in the military” and their view of the war?
4. Why would Native-Americans volunteer to go to war, if they couldn’t be drafted?
5. Do you agree with W.E.B. Du Bois when he encourages blacks to support the war? Explain.
6. What effect would the war have on the American economy?
7. Why do you think the men hired to give patriotic speeches were called “Four minute men?”
8. The text doesn’t say too much about war bonds. What do think they were used for?
9. What is Eugene V. Debs saying when he speaks out against the war?
10. Why would Americans become so anti-German?

Section 3: Americans at war

Pages 718-722

1. Why did it take more than a year before American soldiers saw a major battle?
2. What did the convoy do for ships sailing to Europe from America?
3. What name was given to the U.S. military sent to Europe to fight?
4. Why didn’t the first troops arriving in Europe fight?
5. Why did Russia drop out of the war?
6. What did Lenin give up when he got Russia out of the war?
7. What did Pershing do for the French in 1918?
8. What two major battles did American forces prove themselves as capable of defeating the Germans?
9. What made Germany weak in late 1918?
10. Why would the Germans want to end the war according to Wilson’s “Fourteen Points?”

Section 4: Shaping the peace

Pages 723-727

1. What does the term “idealistic” mean and why would Wilson present his plan this way?
2. What would Wilson’s call for “freedom of the seas” and “free trade“ reduce between nations?
3. Why are Bosnians and Serbians mentioned when it come to self-determination?
4. What point was the most important to Wilson and why?
5. Why would Europeans be so thrilled when Wilson arrives in France?
6. What were the other members of the “Big Four” determined to do with Germany at the peace conference?
7. Create a graphic organizer with the center circle labeled “peace treaty”. Label the smaller circles with the conditions of the treaty.
8. What was the name of the organization the Treaty of Versailles creates?
9. What countries came out of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire?
10. Why would citizens living in African and Asian colonies “feel betrayed” by the treaty?
11. What did Wilson feel was America’s “destiny” after World War One?
12. What argument did U.S. opponents to the League of Nations voice?
13. What effect did the Senates vote to reject the Treaty of Versailles have of the League of Nations?
14. How did the end of the war contribute to labor unrest?
15. Describe the “Red Scare” and how the U.S. responded to the “threat”?