

# Chapter 25: World War I

# Reading Questions

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p. 708 - 712

8 points

1. On your paper, create a two-column table. List the following causes in the column on the left: International rivalry [competition], brinkmanship diplomacy, socialist labor movements, militarism, generals' lack of flexibility, ethnic nationalists [like the Black Hand], and entangling alliances. In the column on the right, briefly explain how each cause led to the war. This question is worth 7 points.
2. Primary Document, p. 711 – In your opinion, who is being more unreasonable (p.o.v.)? Defend your answer.

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12 points

3. Why were the citizens so excited for war?
4. Primary Document, p. 713 – According to Zweig, why did most Europeans believe that the war would be a glorious adventure?
5. Primary Documents, p. 712 – 717 – Contrast the photograph on page 712 with those on the following pages. How did the expectation of war diverge from its reality?
6. How did the men cope with the horrors of war?
7. Why did the U.S. join the war?
8. How did the war affect the powers of European governments?
9. Primary Document, p. 718 – What horrors did Remarque recount in his novel?
10. Primary Document, p. 719 – How are the songs of those who had experienced war different from those who had not (p.o.v.)?
11. During the war, what groups advocated for peace?
12. How were those who wanted peace treated by their governments?
13. How did World War I change the lives of women?
14. Primary Document, p. 725 – What happened to Captain Mott?

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9 points

15. How did World War I act as a catalyst for the Russian Revolution?
16. Why was the provisional government of Russia (the government following the March Revolution) ineffective?
17. What did the Bolsheviks hope to accomplish?
18. What was a soviet?
19. How did Lenin gain control of the government?
20. Who were the two sides in the Russian Civil War?
21. Primary Document, p. 730 – How did Reed view Lenin (p.o.v.)?
22. Why did the Red Army (Bolsheviks/Communists) win?
23. How did revolutions in Germany and Austria-Hungary lead to an end to WWI?

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5 points

24. What did President Wilson (U.S.) want from the peace settlements (see also Primary Document, p. 734)?
25. Why could Wilson not have what he wanted (see also Primary Document, p. 734)?
26. What aspects of the Treaty of Versailles rankled the Germans?
27. How did they decide how to divide the territories of the Ottoman Empire and the Balkan Peninsula?
28. Why did Britain withdraw from Continental affairs?