**WORLD WAR I**

**STUDY GUIDE**

**UNIT OUTCOMES:**

**1.** Causes of WWI

**2.** Events Prior to U.S. Entry

**3.** U.S. Involvement

**4.** The Fighting Ends

**UNIT OUTLINE:**

**I. Underlying Motives for Most Wars**

**A.** Extreme Nationalism (cultural pride; may fuel desire for independence)

**B.** Imperialism (acquisition of colonies; competition to build empires)

**C.** Militarism (developing strong armies & navies)

**D.** Alliance Systems (agreements to support & protect)

**E.** Fanatical Leaders (irrational power seekers)

**II. Causes of WW I**

**A.** Nationalism

**B.** Imperialism

**C.** Militarism

**D.** Alliances Developed into powerful Warring Sides

1. Allied Powers

2. Central Powers

**III. Events Prior to U.S. Entry**

**A.** Problems with Neutrality

**B.** Ties with the Allies

**C.** Violation of Neutrality Rights (particularly at sea)

**D.** Zimmermann Telegram (Note)

**E.** Defense of Democracy

**IV. U.S. Involvement**

**A.** Home front is mobilized for War Effort

**B.** Opportunities arise for Women and Minorities

**C.** In Europe

1. U.S. troops help bring an Allied victory

2. New weapons & strategies make war more deadly

**V. The Fighting Ends**

**A.** Armistice - November 11, 1918

**B.** Treaty of Versailles

**C.** The League of Nations

**D.** Dictated Peace Plants the Seeds of New War (revenge)

**E.** Disarmament & Isolationism

**Required Reading: The Americans---> Chapter 11**

**KEY PEOPLE:**

Woodrow Wilson Theodore Roosevelt

Archduke Franz Ferdinand Kaiser Wilhelm II

Gen. John Pershing A.E.F. (“doughboys”)

Czar Nicholas II V. I. Lenin (same as Nikolai Lenin)

Georges Clemenceau David Lloyd George

**KEY CONCEPTS / EVENTS / DATES:**

June 28, 1914 November 11, 1918

Allied Powers Central Powers

Lusitania Sinking (May 7, 1915) Western Front

Zimmermann Note Selective Service Act

Espionage Act of 1917 Committee on Public information (CPI)

Food Administration War Industries Board (WIB)

Great Migration Sedition Act of 1918

Bolshevik Revolution in Russia Fourteen Points

Treaty of Versailles League of Nations

**KEY TERMS:**

Alliance Armistice Bonds Conscription

Contraband & Munitions Disarmament War Guilt Clause Trench Warfare

Espionage & Sedition Acts Huns Imperialism Isolationism

Militarism Nationalism Neutrality No Manʼs Land

Pacifist Propaganda Reparations

**Constructive Response Questions:**

**1.** What were the underlying causes of the war?

**2.** What is an Alliance and how did they affect the war?

**3.** Why did the U.S. enter the war and why on the side of the Allies?

**4.** Describe how the war was fought?

**5.** What were the consequences of WW I? (immediate and long-term)