**Chapter 11-The First World War**

**Learning Targets-Study Guide**

**Learning Target 1**: I will be able to understand, evaluate and apply key vocabulary from Chapter 11.

**Vocabulary:**

Armistice

Fourteen Points

League of Nations

Militarism

Propaganda

The Selective Service Act

The Treaty of Versailles

Trench Warfare

War Guilt Clause

Zimmerman Note

**Learning Target 2**: I will be able to explain the reasons for U.S imperialism during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

1. How many Americans died when the Lusitania was sunk by a German U-boat? Why is this significant?
2. What are several of the weapons used for the 1st time during WWI?
3. What were the main provisions of the Treaty of Versailles?
4. Before fully turning their attention on Russia which nation did Germany hope to defeat as part of the Schlieffen Plan?
5. Who is responsible for the death of the Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand? What nation did the Austria-Hungarian Empire blame?
6. How did the existence of the alliance system expand the amount of countries involved in the conflict beyond Austria-Hungary and Serbia?
7. Who were the Doughboys? How did they get their nickname?
8. What was the purpose of the Espionage and Sedition Acts?

**Learning Target 3**: I will be able to summarize, examine and evaluate historical maps, data, charts, graphs, photos, audio, clips and video footage to explain and understand the major event of WWI.

1. You will be given a map to examine on the Western Front and asked several questions relating to its major events
2. You will be given a chart and comparing Wilson’s Fourteen Points and the Treaty of Versailles.
3. You will be given a political cartoon about the alliance system and asked to respond to several questions.

**Learning Target 4:** I will be able to summarize, evaluate and construct connections (to myself, the world and/or other topics we have studied) using a variety of primary and secondary documents.

1. You will be given a primary source document designed to draw out your inference regarding the contents of the Zimmerman Note.

**Learning Target 5**: I will be able to explain the reasons for U.S imperialism during the late 19th and early 20th centuries through the use of short response answers.

**Short Answer Topics:**

28.) In January 1919, delegates from thirty-two nations met at the Palace of Versailles in France to discuss the end of WWI. After much debate the result was the passage of the Treaty of Versailles. Please discuss some of the major points included in the Treaty of Versailles including which nations benefited most, identify the “Big Four” and discuss why they were given so much influence over the outcome of the Treaty of Versailles, list the new nations were created after WWI and whether or not you believe the devastating effects Germany experienced as a result of the treaty were fair.

**Things to think about and discuss:**

* Identity and discuss a few of the major provisions included in the Treaty of Versailles
* Identify the “Big Four” and which countries they represent then discuss why they were given so much influence over the outcome of the Treaty of Versailles
* List at least three new nations that emerged following WWI
* Finally discuss your feelings about conditions placed upon Germany as a result of the Treaty of Versailles. Were they justified due to Germany’s reluctance to surrender or did the European nations in their quest for vengeance go too far?

29.) During WWI the Western front was locked in a stalemate between the Allied Forces and the Central Powers as a result of trench warfare. Please describe the main characteristics of this type of battle and why was so much of World War I dominated by this particular method of fighting. Include information on such elements as technology and military strategy, along with identifying which nations mainly employed this type of fighting. Be sure to include any other factors you can think of that set this style of warfare apart from others. Finally, please discuss how trench warfare affected the duration of the war?

**Things to think about and discuss:**

* Describe the main characteristics of trench warfare and discuss why was so much of World War I was dominated by this particular method of fighting
* Identify and describe any of the “new” technologies or strategies that might have been introduced during the war
* Which two nations mainly used trench warfare while fighting along the Western Front
* How did the tedious nature of trench warfare lead to a prolonged fighting yet useless style of fighting

30.) Although WWI began in 1914, the United States had taken an isolationist approach choosing to join the war only after the Central Powers aggression threatened us at home. Please explain when the United States entered the war, how our involvement in the war helped turn the tide of the war in favor of the Allies. Also discuss why our involvement in the war led us to (along with the other winning powers) dictating the terms of peace. Finally, please discuss some of the reasons why the feelings of many Americans shifted away from international involvement towards isolationism as a result of the Treaty of Versailles and how this played a role in Congress’ decision to veto our inclusion into the League of Nations.

**Things to think about and discuss:**

* Explain when the United States finally entered WWI and how the involvement of American troops was critical to the Allied victory?
* Why did the United States earn the right to define the terms of peace?
* What led to the push many American’s felt to re-enter a position of isolationism and how did this sweeping movement factor into the United States’ failure to join the League of Nations