

World War I Homework Questions

Remember that all questions are worth two points. In order to get both points you must restate the question at the beginning of your answer. Do **NOT** use pronouns ever. All parts of the question must be thoroughly and completely answered to get full credit.

1. Does Britain have the right to have the largest navy? Why or why not?
2. Why would anyone ever believe that war is good? (militarism)
3. How does the assassination of a single Austrian noble cause the First World War?
4. Why does Germany write the famous "blank check" to Austria?
5. Did the Schlieffen Plan have any possibility of success? Why or why not?
6. Why can nobody win in trench warfare?
7. Is the use of chemical warfare ever justified? Why or why not?
8. Why do submarines become an effective weapon for the first time in history in WWI?
9. Is it morally correct to kill civilians from combatant nations? Why or why not?
10. Why did the British fail at the Somme?
11. Why does Russia drop out of the First World War?
12. Why does the United States enter the First World War?
13. What causes Germany to sign the armistice?
14. Did Wilson's Fourteen Points ever have a chance of being applied?
15. Evaluate the Treaty of Versailles. Be specific.
16. Ultimately, did Rasputin help or harm the Russian royal family? Defend your response.
17. Why is Nicholas II forced to abdicate?
18. Was Kerensky's government doomed to fail? Why or why not?
19. What does Lenin mean by the phrase "peace, land and bread"?
20. Why does Lenin create the Dictatorship of the Proletariat?
21. How does Lenin defend the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk?
22. Why do the Reds win the Civil War?
23. Why is Lenin forced to introduce the New Economic Policy in 1921?
24. Why does Lenin rename Russia and his political party?
25. How does Stalin outmaneuver Trotsky to take leadership of the Soviet Union?
26. After killing 30 million Russians, why is Stalin beloved in Russia still today?
27. Why will the Weimar Republic fail?