

Unit 5 - War and totalitarianism
(living outline - will be altered as the unit proceeds)

Section 1: The causes and course of World War I

Readings

MWH - 414-427

World War I summary (video)

After this section you should

Be able to explain the long term and short term causes of World War I

Understand how the nature of fighting differed in different theaters of the war.

Terms

Nationalism, imperialism, militarism, Shlieffen plan, the alliance system (Triple Entente, Triple Alliance), Balkans, Gavrillo Princip and Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand, Western Front, Eastern Front, Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, Battle of Tannenburg, Battle of the Somme, Allied advance in the Middle East, new industrial war technologies

Section 2: How total war transformed societies

Readings

MWH - 430-31

Examples of wartime propaganda

After this section you should

Be able to explain how the war hurt the idea of democracy

Understand how propaganda works and why it is dangerous

Terms

Total war, Propaganda, Women and the war effort, "us v them," rationing and economic controls

Section 3: The legacy of World War I: Revolution and more war

Readings

MWH - 435-451

After this section you should

Be able to explain how the negotiated peace established after World War I caused more problems than it solved.

To understand the relationship between World War I and the rise of totalitarianism in Russia and elsewhere

Terms

Fourteen Points, self determination, Treaty of Versailles, League of Nations, Brest Litovsk line, Nicholas II, Bolsheviks and Mensheviks, V.I. Lenin, Russian Civil War, Gulag, Leon Trotsky, Joseph Stalin

There will be a 50 point exam at the end of section 3