

CSI: SOCIAL STUDIES Curriculum Support Information

World War I 1914-1920

Students will: Fifth Grade: 5 of 10

History:

 Trace the events of World War I and explain how German attacks on U.S. ships during the war in Europe led the U.S. to join the fight during WWI

Geography:

• Locate Germany, Russia, Great Britain, and France on a map Characteristics of government:

Describe nationalism, militarism, and isolationism

Importance/ Traits
-U.S. President -Helped write the Treaty of Versailles



Terminology (make flashcards & practice):

nationalism: the belief that your country deserves

more success than others.

militarism: building of a strong military to frighten or

defeat other countries. **alliance**: partnership or allies

trench warfare: fighting in or from long, narrow

ditches called trenches.

Allied Powers, or Allies: Great Britain, America, France, Italy, Romania, Greece, Romania Central Powers: Germany, Austria-Hungry,

Bulgaria, Ottoman Empire

rations: government sets a limit on goods or

supplies.

propaganda: information that is used to shape people's thinking. This was used during the war to

get civilians to help with the war effort.

Civilian: non-military person

armistice: an agreement to stop fighting **isolationism:** away form other or isolated

Lusitania: U.S. ship that was destroyed by German **Treaty of Versailles:** treaty created at the end of

WWI by the Allied Powers

Road to war	Summary of events	
Militarism	-became popular in Europe as a form of defense	
Allied Powers formed	-Great Britain, France, Italy, Romania, Serbia, Greece, Montero, Portugal, Russia -American joined the Allied Powers in 1917	
Central Powers formed	-Austria-Hungry, Germany, Bulgaria, Ottoman Empire	
New technology	-machine guns could fire hundreds of bullets per minute -small bombs, called hand grenades -submarines could sink other ships -tanks -poisonous gases could be used to incapacitate or kill enemies	

Battles	Summary of events	Outcome
1914	-Austria-Hungry declared war on Serbia -Serbia had an alliance with Russia, Russia fought with Serbia -Next Germany invaded Belgium and France -France with Allied with Russia	-started World War I
1917	-Germany promised not to attack U.S. ships after attacking and sinking U.S. ship, <i>Lusitania</i> . They broke this promise and began attacking American shipsabout 1 million American troops went to France to fight	-America enters the war April 1917 as an Allied Power- declaring war on the Central Powers
November 11, 1918	-Central Powers realized they could not win the war and signed an armistice.	-Ended WWI
January 1919	-Allied Countries met in France to write a treaty called the Treaty of Versailles -The Treaty of Versailles was used to punish Germany for its part in the war. Germans lost colonies, gave land to France, and paid money to Allied countries	-Germany was angry -many U.S. people believed in isolationism after the war