World History

**Measurement Topic 3: The Causes and Effects of WW1**

**Learning Target #2: Explain how the Bolshevik Revolution in Russian affected WW1 and how the entry of the USA affected WW1.**

**Directions:**

1st- Number the paragraphs

2nd - Independently read the passage, and circle words you don’t know. Predict the meaning of the words.

3rd- Read the passage a second time with a partner, highlight information and write side notes.

4th- Answer the questions on the back in complete sentences.

When World War 1 started, many believed it would be over within a few months. No one predicted that it would last for four years. When Germany declared war on France and Russia, Germanys plan was to attack both nations at the same time. This created a two front (side) war; Germany fighting France on the western side and Germany fighting Russia on the Eastern side. A new method of defense was used, called trench warfare. Trench warfare involved soldiers digging holes called trenches to protect themselves. Germany dug trenches on high ground forcing the French to dig trenches barely above sea level, which caused many problems such as flooded trenches with muddy water that provided a perfect environment for rats the size of cats, frogs, and lice to live. Conditions were horrible for soldiers. The land in between the opposing armies' trenches became known as "No Man's Land." This area became a barren wasteland of mud, barbed wire and deep holes formed by artillery shells. Generals did not know how to fight this type of war so they sent their men charging over no man’s land, resulting in millions of deaths the first year of the war.

At the start of the war, Italy was supposed to join the war on the side of the Triple alliance; however Italy decided to remain neutral. They felt they really did not have anything to gain by joining the war. The British and French attempted to convince Italy to join their alliance (the Triple Entente) since France was constantly being attacked by the Germans on the Western Front. France felt that Italian support in the war would force Germany to divert (move) the German Army from the Western Front to focus on attacking Italy. The Italian Government agreed to enter the War (April 26, 1915) on the side of the Triple Entente hoping to get financial and territorial gains at the end of WWI.

Soon after the war began, other nations join the war. The Ottoman Empire (Turkey and other Arabian nations) joined the war on October 28, 1914 and Bulgaria joined the war October 11, 1915 on the side of the triple alliance, creating a new alliance called the **central powers**: Germany, Austria-Hungary, Ottoman Empire, and Bulgaria.

At the beginning of the war, Russia had kicked Austria Hungary out of Serbia, however once Germany and Austria-Hungary had joined forces they pushed Russia back deep into Russian territory. Germany continued to dominate Russia on the Eastern front. Russia sustained the most loses of soldiers, numbering into the millions. Russia had poorly trained soldiers, not enough food and weapons which resulted in millions of deaths. The Russian Czar, Nickolas, had decided to take control of the military himself, but the Russian people were still upset with his lack of concern for their needs, resulting in a revolution, known as the Russian Revolution. Starving women marched on the royal place, chanting**, “Bread, land, peace”,** which resulted in massive protests, riots and chaos. Eventually the Czar stepped down leaving a very weak unorganized government. A group of rebels called the **Bolsheviks, lead by V.I. Lenin started another revolution** by promising the peasants that if the Bolsheviks were in charge of Russia they would pull Russia out of the war, create peace and take all the land and riches from the upper class to distribute/give to the poor. (Hint Communism). The Bolshevik Revolution started in 1917 and by 1918 Russia pulled out of the war**.** After Russia’s new leader Vladimir Lenin ended Russia’s involvement in WW1, he signed the treaty with Germany to official leave the war which resulted in Germany turning all its **focus towards the Western front,** France. The loss of Russia meant Germany could now focus all its attention, armies, weapons and planning on taking over France and England which it was very close to doing. The withdrawal by Russia left the Triple Entente alliance very vulnerable to losing WWI.

Throughout the war the USA had attempted to remain neutral, however German’s **unrestricted submarine** warfare did not allow this. Unrestricted submarine warfare meant that Germany would sink any ship that was not its ally. On May 7, 1915 Germany sank the **Lusitania**, the USA made Germany stop unrestricted submarine warfare, which they did, however by January 1917 Germany had again started unrestricted submarine warfare. Germany had also reached out to Mexico in an attempt to encourage Mexico to join the war on Germany’s side. A telegraph had been sent to Mexico, famously known as **the Zimmerman telegraph**, which asked Mexico to join Germany in the war by attacking the USA. This made the USA very suspicious. On April 1917 the USA President, Wilson asked congress for the USA join the war on the side of the Triple Alliance. He was worried that the Central powers would eventually take over Europe and turn their eyes towards the USA. The US declared war on Germany on April 6, 1917. This created a new alliance called the **Allied powers**; Great Britain, France, ~~Russia/Serbia~~, Italy and the USA.

With the help of the USA (fresh soldiers and supplies) the war turned in favor of the Allied powers. The USA brought over a million soldiers to provide needed support, fresh ideas and supplies to help end WW1.

**Directions**: Answer the following questions from the power point notes.

1. What was the two front war Germany was fighting and who was Germany fighting on each side?
2. Describe Trench warfare.
3. What other nations joined the war, **and** on which sides did each nation join/which alliance?
4. Explain unrestricted submarine warfare?
5. What were the main reasons USA join World War 1?
6. What issues did Russia have during the war? Problems
7. Who was the leader of the Russian Revolution known as the Bolshevik Revolution?
8. When Russia left the war what did Germany do?
9. What was the Zimmermann telegraph and why did it worry the USA?

**Directions: The following questions are based on the accompanying documents/graphs/maps/quotes. As you read and analyze (think about) each document/graph/map/quote be sure to:**

1nd - Independently read the chart, passage, and/or map

2nd- Circle words you don’t know. Predict or find the meaning of the words.

3rd- Read the chart, passage and/or map a second time with a partner, highlight information and write side notes.

4th- Answer the questions in complete sentences.

**Document 1- Zimmerman Telegram (note)**

The British intelligence intercepted this telegram from the German Minister to the German Ambassador to Mexico. The British decoded this telegram in January 1917. They waited until February 24, 1917 to deliver the information to the President of the United states, Woodrow Wilson.

"We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States of America neutral. In the event of this not succeeding, we make Mexico a proposal or alliance on the following basis: make war together, make peace together, generous financial support and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona..." Signed, ZIMMERMANN.

1. According to the telegraph (document 1), what was Germany proposing AND why should this worry the USA?

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**Document #2-The following passage comes from Woodrow Wilson’s War message to the US Congress April 2, 1917.**

Gentlemen of the Congress:   
 …the Imperial German Government… after the 1st day of February it was its purpose to put aside all restraints of law or of humanity and use its submarines to sink every vessel that sought to approach either the ports of Great Britain and western coasts of Europe … Vessels of every kind, …have been ruthlessly sent to the bottom without warning and without thought of help or mercy for those on board, …Even hospital ships and ships carrying relief to the sorely bereaved and stricken people …have been sunk with the same reckless lack of compassion ... Property can be paid for; the lives of peaceful and innocent people can not be. The present German submarine warfare against commerce is a warfare against mankind. …It is a war against all nations. American ships have been sunk, American lives taken…I advise that the Congress declare the recent course of the Imperial German Government to be in fact nothing less than war against the Government and people of the United States;

1. According to Woodrow Wilson, what is the German Government doing to cause the American government to join the war? (DETAILS!) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Document 3- Russian Historical timeline**

CZAR NICHOLAS TAKES COMMAND OF ARMY 1915 -Russian troops were not as strong as the Western European industrial nations of Germany and Austria. The war went badly with many Russian casualties. At home, citizens were becoming more and more upset and angry over the deaths of their sons and fathers. Over fifteen million men were drafted into the Russian army from farms and factories. Food and other supplies were in desperate need for the people. Nicholas finally decided to go to the Eastern Front and lead his own troops.

1. According to the passage above, document #3, why were the Russian citizens upset with Russia’s involvement in

**Document 4- Russian Historical timeline**

RUSSIAN REVOLUTION OF MARCH 1917- With Czar Nicholas away leading the war, the situation in Russia grew more and more serious. Workers began to strike and soldiers began to desert their posts. Politicians from all over the world advised Nicholas to begin reform movements and bring democratic change to Russia but Nicholas ignored them. He stayed away from (Russia’s capital) St. Petersburg and remained at the front lines. The Russian Revolution (Bolshevik revolution) began. Rioters were breaking into stores to steal food and supplies. Troops refused to keep order and they joined the rioters. Eventually, the Czars' wife and children were held prisoner. Faced with this, the Czar was finally forced to abdicate, which means give up his power.

1. According to the passage above, document #4, what happened as a result of the Russian revolution? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Using the information from your PowerPoint notes, and this handout (#2) to answer the prompt. *Write on another sheet and staple to this handout.*

**Summary: How did Russia leaving WW1(due to the Bolshevik Revolution) and the USA joining the war effect/change WW1?** *Write on another sheet and staple to this handout.*

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Be sure to cite evidence from handout #2!\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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