

Questions: "America's Time: WWI Shell Shock"

- 1) What happens in May 1915? LUSITANIA IS SUNK OFF THE COAST OF IRELAND, OVER 1000 PASSENGERS ARE KILLED. IT SAILED FROM NEW YORK AND AMERICANS WERE WARNED NOT TO BOARD THE SHIP BECAUSE IT WAS SAILING INTO A WAR ZONE. IT CARRIED BOTH PASSENGERS AND WAR RELATED SUPPLIES.
- 2) Who were the major powers of the world in 1914-1918? ALLIES (FRANCE, RUSSIA AND ENGLAND) VS. CENTRAL POWERS (GERMANY, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY AND OTTOMAN EMPIRE), ITALY SWITCHES SIDES AND JOINS THE ALLIES IN 1915
- 3) How did the young generation feel about the war in the beginning? EXCITED AND ENTHUSIASTIC
- 4) What did "everyone" think about the length of the war? EXPECTED A SHORT GLORIOUS WAR
- 5) What did Germany do early in the war? MARCH THROUGH BELGIUM TO ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE PARIS (THE SCHLIEFFEN PLAN TO WIN THE WAR IN 42 DAYS, IT FAILED)
- 6) What effects would the new weapons have? BRING KILLING TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL, ALMOST 10 MILLION DEAD SOLDIERS, PERHAPS 10 MILLION DEAD CIVILIANS DURING AND AFTER THE WAR
- 7) What was the "massacre of the innocents?" YOUNG RELATIVELY UNTRAINED GERMAN SOLDIERS KILLED EARLY IN THE WAR
- 8) What did the Americans think of the war? HOPED TO STAY NEUTRAL, HAPPY TO SELL FACTORY AND FARM PRODUCTS TO THE BRITISH AND FRENCH
- 9) How was America changing? PACE OF LIFE WAS QUICKENING, PEOPLE WERE HEADED FOR THE CITIES AND LEAVING FARM AREAS
- 10) What would Henry Ford do? ASSEMBLY LINE PRODUCTION HAD LOWERED THE PRICE OF MODEL T SO THAT MANY PEOPLE CAN AFFORD TO BUY ONE
- 11) What became an American obsession? MOVIES (SILENT FILMS)
- 12) How was the war portrayed in the movies? SHOWED BRAVE AND COURAGEOUS SOLDIERS
- 13) What was the new art form? PROPAGANDA, GERMANS ARE SHOWN AS TREACHEROUS AND BARBARIC
- 14) Who did most Americans sympathize with? THE BRITISH (CULTURAL ROOTS, COMMON LANGUAGE)
- 15) How would the war affect the American economy? IT WOULD BOOM, GOOD TIMES FOR WORKERS AND FARMERS (HIGH WAGES AND HIGH PRICES FOR FARM COMMODITIES)
- 16) What would happen with immigration? IT WOULD DECREASE BECAUSE OF THE WAR
- 17) What group would benefit from the labor shortage? AMERICAN BLACKS
- 18) What would many of them do? LEAVE THE SOUTH TO WORK IN NORTHERN FACTORIES
- 19) What did many people begin to do? BEGIN PREPARING FOR THE WAR
- 20) What would happen by Christmas 1914? WAR HAD STALEMATED INTO TRENCH WARFARE, 300 MILES OF TRENCHES FROM SWITZERLAND TO THE ENGLISH CHANNEL
- 21) How many nations were involved? 60 (PRESENT OR FUTURE) NATIONS
- 22) What had Germany expected? A SHORT WAR: DEFEAT FRANCE, KEEP ENGLAND OUT OF THE WAR, DEFEAT RUSSIA, EXPECT AMERICANS TO STAY OUT OF THE WAR
- 23) What happens on the western front? STALEMATE
- 24) What kind of war develops? A WAR OF ATTRITION
- 25) How much did the front move? NOT MUCH, A FEW MILES
- 26) What new strategy would be tried? USE THEIR MEN TO TRY TO OVERRUN THE ENEMY'S TRENCHES
- 27) How would corpses be used? IN TRENCHES AS PROTECTION OR TO BE WALKED ON
- 28) What new weapons were used? FLAMETHROWERS, MACHINE GUNS, AIRPLANES, TANKS AND POISON GAS
- 29) What happened to some soldiers? SUFFERED COMPLETE BREAKDOWNS (SHELLSHOCK)
- 30) What would happen at the Battle of the Somme? BRITISH LOSE 20.000 MEN IN FIRST DAY, BATTLE DRAGS ON FOR 6 MONTHS AND MILLIONS OF BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMANS ARE KILLED
- 31) What was ultimately accomplished? FRONT MOVED A FEW MILES
- 32) What happens in February 1917? CZAR NICHOLAS AND HIS GOVERNMENT ARE OVERTHROWN, REPLACED BY A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
- 33) Who would be brought back to Russia? BOLSHEVIK LEADER LENIN By who? THE GERMANS
- 34) What was his plan? TO LEAD A COMMUNIST REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA
- 35) What happens in October 1917? COMMUNIST REVOLUTION HAPPENS, INSPIRED BY KARL MARX'S IDEAS (GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE RUN FOR BENEFIT OF WORKING CLASS)

- 36) What would Russia decide to do? IN EARLY 1918 PULL OUT OF THE WAR AND SIGN A TREATY WITH THE GERMANS (BREST-LITOVSK); BECOMES A ONE FRONT WAR FOR THE GERMANS
- 37) What was happening in America? AMERICANS SUCH AS TEDDY ROOSEVELT WERE PREPARING TO ENTER THE WAR
- 38) What did Germany say to Mexico? ENTER WAR AGAINST THE USA TO REGAIN YOUR LOST TERRITORY (ZIMMERMANN TELEGRAM); AMERICANS ARE OUTRAGED
- 39) What did many Americans believe? GERMANS WERE HOSTILE TO USA; BRITISH PROPAGANDA AND GERMAN U-BOATS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS FEELING
- 40) What “favor” was returned in the summer of 1917? AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARRIVE IN PARIS, “LAFAYETTE WE ARE HERE!”, LAFAYETTE WAS A FRENCH OFFICER WHO ASSISTED GEN. WASHINGTON IN AMERICAN REVOLUTION
- 41) How are the American soldiers described? ENTHUSIASTIC, UNDER TRAINED AND IMPROPERLY EQUIPPED, THEIR IMPACT IS FELT ONLY IN THE LAST MONTHS OF THE WAR
- 42) What happens in March 1918? THE FINAL GERMAN OFFENSIVE, IT NEARLY SUCCEEDS IN WINNING THE WAR; GERMANS ONLY LOSE BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF GERMAN SOLDIERS
- 43) How serious was the threat to Paris? THE CITY WAS EVACUATED
- 44) What happens in November 1918? GERMANS SURRENDER, EXPECTED LENIENT TERMS
- 45) What changes occur after the war? EUROPE IS IN RUINS, A GENERATION OF EUROPEANS HAD BEEN LOST, AMERICA EMERGES AS AN ECONOMIC SUPERPOWER AND CREDITOR NATION, GERMANY AND ITS ALLIES SEE THEIR COLONIES TAKEN BY THE BRITISH AND FRENCH
- 46) How are American veterans treated by the government? AFTER THE WAR THEY ARE SIMPLY DISCHARGED WITH NO BENEFITS (LATER PROMISED A BONUS THAT MAY BE PAID IN 1945)
- 47) How many men would die in this war? OVER 9 MILLION IN COMBAT, MILLIONS AFTER THE WAR DUE TO DISEASE, EXPOSURE AND HUNGER
- 48) What would be seen in European cities years after the war? CRIPPLED VETERANS HAUNTING EUROPEAN CITIES
- 49) What were Britain and France interested in? REVENGE, GETTING GERMANY TO PAY BILLIONS IN REPARATIONS, TAKING GERMAN AND OTTOMAN COLONIES FOR THEMSELVES
- 50) Who was left out of the post war negotiations? RUSSIA, A COMMUNIST NATION AFTER 1917
- 51) How was Germany treated by the victors? HARSHLY, STRIPPED OF ITS COLONIES (TAKEN BY THE BRITISH AND FRENCH), BLAMED SOLELY FOR THE WAR; WILSON’S FOURTEEN POINTS ARE IGNORED
- 52) What would happen in less than 30 years? ANOTHER DISASTROUS WAR (WW2); SOME OBSERVERS HAD PREDICTED THIS AT THE TIME