

West and World

Final Exam Study Guide

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Essay 1 – WW1

- Causes
 - o Breakup of the Ottoman Empire "sick man of Europe"
 - o Nationalism – people want their nation to be number 1
 - o Imperialism – scramble for Africa, Germany wants high seas, tariff wars
 - o Germany's desire to dominate Europe
 - o Interlocking Alliances – Allies (French, Russia and British) / Central Powers (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey)
 - o Europe was sitting on a powder keg
 - o Assassination of Francis Ferdinand (Austrian Archduke)
 - Austria was in alliance with Russia who then attacked Germany
- Course
 - o Germany has to fight a two front war
 - o Trench Warfare was developed
 - Terrible conditions in trenches
 - o New weapons like airplanes, tanks, and submarines
 - o Europe's economies began to tank while US was profitable because sold supplies
- Outcome
 - o Casualties – 8-10 million
 - o Influenza epidemic
 - o Weakened Europe
 - Everyone exhausted, even victors
 - British lose 1/3 shipping
 - Most fighting was in France – physically devastated
 - o Chaos Europe – economies devastated
 - New Democratic Governments Established in Central Europe
 - Cannot quickly solve economic problems

- 0 Treaty of Versailles
 - Germany lost territory
 - New nations created
 - Nations lost land
 - League of Nations created (US never joined so they couldn't be drawn into war)
 - Middle East – No more colonies
- Why entered
 - 0 Germany resumed unrestricted warfare
 - Submarines sinking boats with no warning
 - Threatened US safety
 - 0 Zimmerman Telegram inflamed public opinion
 - Germany was going to supply Mexico with arms
 - 0 Wilson wanted to make the world safe for democracy
 - Get into war to end all wars
 - Right for all nations to have self determination
- Role US played
 - 0 At first US was neutral and only gave financial aid to help their own economy
 - 0 Wanted to be the nation to settle the matter with a treaty when the fighting was over
 - 0 When entered – allowed Allies to make counter attacks against Germany
- Russia Outcome
 - 0 Conditions in Russia were bad
 - People and army are going hungry
 - Economy on verge of collapse
 - 0 Double Revolution in Russia
 - Tsar overthrown and established provisional government
 - October Revolution
 - Peace negotiations with Germany end involvement in World War I
 - Lost land
 - Allowed for Germany to only fight a one sided war
- British involvement in Ottoman Empire
 - 0 British worked to destabilize Ottoman Empire from the inside
 - Promise independence to Arab tribes if fight Turks
 - Lawrence of Arabia worked to unite Arab tribes
 - Guerilla warfare
 - 0 Issued Declaration to create Jewish homeland hoping it would be their allies

Essay 2 – WW2

- Causes
 - 0 Expansion by many nations
 - Germany (Hitler) into Poland and France
 - Italy into North Africa
 - 0 Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor
 - 0 Germany invaded Russia which broke their nonaggression act
- Major turning points
 - 0 Battle of Coral Sea
 - Japanese don't get New Guinea – keep lines open to Australia
 - 0 Battle of Midway

- Japanese lost four aircraft carriers
 - Put the Japanese on the defense
- MacArthur returns to the Philippines
- D-Day – Invasion of Normandy
 - Led to battle of the bulge – last German counter offense
- Outcome
 - Allies converge in Germany (later divided) where Hitler commits suicide
 - Normandy trials
 - 11 sentenced to death, 10 trials hung, 1 committed suicide
 - United Nations was created
- United States efforts to avoid getting into the war
 - Were reluctant to get involved at first
 - Neutrality Acts
 - Would not sell arms to any nations at war, even allies
 - Cash and carry – bring cash and carry out basic supplies like food and blankets
 - FDR had the Lend Lease Program
 - Would lend military supplies to fight for democracy
 - Ideally the US would get the supplies back but this didn't happen
 - Life line for British and later the Soviets
- Context Truman used to drop the atomic bomb and Why
 - Wanted to end the war quickly with no more sacrifices of lives
 - Estimated ½-1 million American lives to invade Japan
 - It would end fire bombing
 - Bomb would scare Japan into submission since they would never give up
 - Both sides had made war on civilians

Essay 3 – Cold War

- Origins of the Cold War
 - Power vacuum in Europe because no real super power left
 - US and Soviets (only major powers left) fight through satellite nations
 - Differences in ideology between nations
 - US capitalism, Soviets communism
 - US democracy , Soviets dictatorship
 - Soviets wanted communist buffer states between them and Europe and the US wanted to stop the spread of communism
- How the United States responded
 - Truman's Response – respond with strength (Churchill's – Iron curtain)
 - Policy of Containment - provide whatever aid it takes to contain the Soviets
 - Truman Doctrine - give massive aid to help noncommunist nations threatened by communism (open ended)
- How the United States responded to the threat of communism
 - Major turning point – US not neutral anymore and join NATO (first time joining alliance during peace)
 - Enacted a policy of Containment – help any nations fighting against communism so that it doesn't spread
- Specific examples
 - Vietnam War