**World War I Exam Study Guide**

1. Setting the Stage
   1. What circumstances led to the Assassination of Franz Ferdinand?
   2. How did the alliance systems play a role in escalating the conflict?
   3. Roles of nationalism, militarism, imperialism, and industrialization
   4. People’s perspectives on war before, during, and after WWI
2. Technology & Weapons
   1. How did weapons advancements impact warfare?
3. Trench Warfare
   1. What conditions did these soldiers face?
   2. Why were trenches the preferred way of fighting?
   3. How were soldiers physically, mentally, and emotionally affected by life in the trenches?
4. Western & Eastern Fronts
   1. Understand the components of the Schlieffen Plan – Why did it fail?
   2. Know the defining characteristics of the Western and Eastern Fronts
   3. Why was Germany able to handle the Russians so easily?
5. U.S. Entry into the War
   1. What was the main reason for the U.S. entering World War I?
   2. How did the sinking of the Lusitania and the Zimmerman Telegram shift public opinion?
   3. How did the United States try to remain neutral? Were we really neutral?
6. T.E. Lawrence and the Middle East
   1. Who was T.E. Lawrence and why is he important?
   2. What were the Arabs fighting the Turks for?
   3. Why is the Battle of Aqaba important? What about it makes it different?
   4. Why was Damascus important to the Arab people?
   5. What was the Sykes-Picot Agreement? What did it do?
7. The Russian Revolution
   1. Why were the Russians unprepared for World War I?
   2. What impact did the leadership of Nicholas II and Rasputin have on the country?
   3. What did the March Revolution accomplish?
   4. Who are the Bolsheviks? What were their goals?
   5. Understand the reasons for and outcomes of the Russian Civil War
8. Treaty of Versailles
   1. What were the goals of the Big Four going into the Paris Peace Conference?
   2. Who were the Big Four?
   3. What were Wilson’s Fourteen Points? What did they hope to accomplish?
   4. How did this treaty open up the way for dictatorships to take hold in Europe?