

## Chapter 11 Study Guide Questions

1. What nations made up the Triple Alliance? What nations made up the Triple Entente?
2. How did international competition and nationalism increase tensions in Europe?
3. Why was the Balkans called the “powder keg of Europe?”
4. What spark started World War I?
5. Why did Russia join in World War I?
6. Describe the Schlieffen Plan. What was it designed to avoid?
7. Why did Britain fight in World War I?
8. How did the Allies stop the Germans from executing the Schlieffen Plan?
9. What was the main result of the first Battle of the Marne?
10. Why did a stalemate develop along the Western Front early in the war?
11. What made World War I much more deadly than previous wars?
12. What new weapon had the greatest impact on the outcome of the war?
13. What countries battled each other on the war’s Eastern Front?
14. Why were some colonial subjects eager to participate in the war?
15. Why was the Ottoman Empire considered such a valuable ally?
16. How did Germany respond to the British naval blockade?
17. How did women help in the war effort?
18. What impact did wartime failures have on Russia?
19. What was the immediate result of Russia’s withdrawal from the war?
20. What are three factors that led the United States to enter the war?
21. What was the Zimmermann note, and why was it significant to the outcome of the war?
22. Describe how the entry of the United States into the war was a turning point?
23. What did Wilson call for in his Fourteen Points?
24. Why did Germany ask the Allies for an armistice in November 1918?
25. What were some of the human, economic, and political costs of the war?
26. How did the goals of the Big Three leaders conflict at the Paris Peace Conference?
27. How did the Treaty of Versailles punish Germany?
28. What new countries were formed following the war?
29. Why was the League of Nations weak?
30. What provoked the March Revolution and the abdication of the tsar?
31. Why did Germany want Lenin to return to Russia in 1917?
32. How were the Bolsheviks able to seize power from the provisional government?
33. Explain Lenin’s New Economic Policy of 1921. How did it differ from “pure” communism?