

World War I

How did the rise of Militarism, the creation of Alliances, Imperialism and an increase in Nationalism alter the Balance of Power in Europe and lead to World War I?

How did technological advancements influence the course of World War I?

Explain how World War I influenced Nationalism?

What went into the creation of the Treaty of Versailles and was it an effective Peace Agreement?

The Russian Revolution

What Revolutionary groups formed in Russia during the early 20th Century? And how did the formation of these groups combined with World War I lead to the Abdication of Tsar Nicholas?

How did Lenin's forms of Communism differ from Marxism and how could that lead to problems in the future?

Global Economic Crises

Explain how rather than alleviate the problems that faced Europe as a result of World War I, the Treaty of Versailles exacerbated them.

Compare the policies of the Allies after World War I towards Germany to the policies of the alliance that defeated Napoleon in 1815 towards France. Why did the Treaty of Versailles fail where the Congress of Vienna was limitedly successful?

Fascism and Totalitarianism

Explain how the devastation caused by World War I became a breeding ground for fascist movements in Italy, Germany and Spain.

How did Stalin's Communism differ from Lenin's and from Marx's, and what were the consequences of his policies?

The Road to World War II

Explain the response of the Allies to Hitler's expansionist policies in the 1930s and how these policies influenced the course of World War II?

Explain why Hitler's invasion of Poland was the final straw for the Allies and is what ultimately pulled the continent into another massive conflict.

World War II

Explain why the United States and Britain sided with Stalin's Communist Soviet Union during World War II.

Compare the Reinsurance Treaty of World War I with the Nazi-Soviet Pact in World War II, what were the motivations behind these agreements and to what extent were they successful?

How did the US's involvement in the War evolve from isolationism to being responsible for the first nuclear weapon to be used during wartime.

The Holocaust

Explain how Hitler used an already existing anti-semitic atmosphere in Europe to gain power in Germany and simultaneously murder 12 million people.

Cultural Developments

Identify and explain how new technological developments during World War II created what became known as the Age of Anxiety.

What was the “Lost Generation” and how did this influence political and social developments throughout Europe?