**Topic 1: The Causes of WWI**

I. Underlying causes of World War I

* Militarism = maintenance of a strong military 🡪 protection
* Militarism 🡪 arms race
* European countries formed alliances in case of war
* Allied Powers = G.B. + Fra. + allies
* Central Powers = Ger. + Austria-Hungary (Aus-Hun) + allies
* Nationalism spread 🡪 demand for independence 🡪 tension/ Eur.
* imperialism 🡪 rivalries btw European nations/ all wanted worldwide empires
* no governing body 🡪 period of anarchy/ Eur.

II. Rivalries in the Balkans

* Balkan Region = “powder keg” of Eur. = ethnically + religiously diverse
* wanted self-rule + independence/ did not receive it
* Aus-Hun. annexed Bosnia 🡪 terrorist response
* Aus. Archduke Franz Ferdinand + wife = assassinated/ Serb. nationalist/ June 1914
* Assassination = immediate cause of WWI
* Aus. declared war on Serbia
* Rus. declared war on Aus.
* Ger. declared war on Rus. + Fra.
* WWI begins in July 1914

**Topic 2: World War I**

I. The Great War Begins

* July 1914/ WWI began
* Germany/ two-front war/ France + Russia
* End of 1914/ warring nations used military technology + strategies = machine guns + tanks + poison gas + trench warfare
* weapons 🡪 stalemate on land/ war at sea was different

II. War at Sea

* May 1915/ Germany used submarine warfare 🡪 sinking *Lusitania* = British passenger ship
* 1,198 died + 128 Americans
* U.S. =- neutral after attack
* Unrestricted submarine warfare = sink any ship in the water without warning
* U.S. = still neutral

III. Zimmerman Telegram

* Britain intercepted/ Zimmerman Telegram
* Purpose = Mexico allied with Germany against U.S 🡪 Mexicans acquire lost territory
* Telegram 🡪 U.S joined WWI /1917
* shifted balance of power to Allies

IV. End of the War

* Eastern Front/ Russia losing battles
* Russia fought w. no proper leadership + weapons + supplies + hope 🡪 Russia quit war
* arrival of U.S troops 🡪 many victories/ Allies
* mid-1918/ Central Powers = A-H + Bulgaria + Ottoman Empire surrender
* November 11, 1918/ Germany surrendered 🡪 ended First World War

**Topic 3: Paris Peace Conference/ Treaty of Versailles**

I. Meeting for Peace

* 1918/ Fra. + GB + Italy + U.S. met/ peace
* Pres. Woodrow Wilson’s Fourteen Points for peace
* Ex. = equal trade + nations based on self-determination + League of Nations 🡪 keep peace
* GB + Fra. Ignored Wilson/ punished Germany

II. The Treaty of Versailles

* Germany lost territories + overseas colonies
* Germany's army = 100,000 soldiers + no tanks + planes + subs
* No manufacturing weapons
* Germany paid 33 billion in reparations for losses in war
* “war guilt” clause = Germany takes sole blame for WWI
* League of Nations 🡪 guaranteeing peace in future
* Germany’s Weimar Republic = new democratic gov’t signed doc/ 1919

III. Effects of WWI

* Over 65 million soldiers fought
* 8 million soldiers died + 21 million soldiers injured + millions captured
* total cost = 200-300 billion dollars
* European nations = bankrupt + cities destroyed
* downfall of monarchies in Austria-Hungary + Germany + Turkey
* U.S didn’t join League of Nations 🡪 unsuccessful
* Germany = angered + humiliated 🡪 rise of new gov’t
* European countries failed to win independence.
* Treaty of Versailles 🡪 Second World War

IV. Armenian Massacre

* 1st genocide of the 20th century
* Genocide = intentional destruction of race + religion + ethnicity
* Ottoman Empire murdered + raped + tortured + destroyed Armenian ppl + cities
* 1915-1918/ estimated 1.5 million ppl killed

**Topic 4: Causes of the Russian Revolution**

I. Czar Nicholas II + problems in Russia

* early 1900’s/ Russia = not industrialized
* peasants/ no land + workers could not afford goods
* Czar Nicholas II planned to expand 🡪 Russo-Japanese war in 1905 🡪 Russian loss
* peasants + workers protested for reforms 🡪 Bloody Sunday = Russian army shooting unarmed ppl
* Bloody Sunday 🡪 Revolution of 1905/ workers’ strikes + peasants revolted 🡪 minor reforms

II. Russia in WWI

* Alliances = reason/ WWI
* Serbia attacked by A-H 🡪 Russia joined WWI
* Czar Nicholas II = King of Russia/ led army = 12 million soldiers
* army = not prepared for war + suffered defeats

III: Problems in WWI

* Russian army led by weak leaders w. no experience
* soldiers = poorly trained + limited weapons + ammo + food
* czar continued to fight 🡪 ↓ hope 🡪 revolution

IV: Lead up to Revolution

* Feb. 1917/ WWI crippled economy + society
* protests + anger 🡪 czar abdicating throne
* provisional = temporary gov’t/ continued WWI
* generals + soldiers deserted army
* October Revolution/ 1917 🡪 change Russia + world
* new Russian leader = Vladimir Lenin

**Topic 5: Vladimir Lenin**

I. World War I and Russia

* WWI 🡪 Russian peasants + workers + soldiers = starving + hopeless
* Problems 🡪 🡩 Lenin

II. Lenin’s Promise

* Lenin = leader of the Bolsheviks
* Promised “Peace, Land and Bread” 🡪 support of the people
* peace for soldiers + land for peasants + bread for workers
* Oct. 1917/ revolution 🡪 communist gov’t
* pulled Russia out of WWI
* peasants got control of land
* Russian Civil War 🡪 “war communism” = policy stocked every town with food + supplies

III. Civil War

* Civil war = communists (reds) + people loyal to Czar Nicholas II (whites)
* Whites/ restore the monarchy + Reds/ protect communism
* 1918/ Communists execute Czar + family 🡪 end of civil war
* 1921 /Lenin had complete power
* totalitarian gov’t = state has total authority over public + private life
* new gov’t 🡪 stability + order

IV. The New Economic Policy

* after civil war/ “war communism’ ended 🡪 New Economic Policy
* NEP = economic plan/ blended communism + capitalism
* Peasants sold produce + own private business
* Gov’t controlled industries + banks
* NEP = success 🡪 🡩 economy

V. Legacy

* NEP saved Russia
* Lenin renamed Russia = Soviet Union or U.S.S.R = United Soviet Socialist Republics
* ideas = foundation/ communist gov’t
* died/ 1924

**Topic 6: Stalin’s Soviet Union**

I. Rise of Joseph Stalin

* Lenin did not choose successor
* Joseph Stalin = communist party leader
* removed opposition 🡪 totalitarian dictator/ 1928

II. Totalitarian

* Totalitarianism = gov’t system/ state controls every aspect of public + private life
* State over individual + outlaw labor unions + rival political parties
* Use secret police + propaganda + terror tactics 🡪control ppl.
* Gov’t controls economy

III. Five Year Plans

* Five Year Plan = rapid agricultural prod. + industrialization
* developed iron + steel + electric power/ compete w. Western industries
* Collectivization = private farmers formed state controlled farms

IV. Effects of the Five Year Plan

* Millions died/ starvation
* Ukraine did not comply 🡪 Soviet army forcibly collecting all food
* Ukrainian Massacre = Ukrainian Holodomor = genocide
* Genocide = death of specific ppl.
* 8 million people died from starvation
* FYP = successful
* Collectivization 🡪 ↑ food production + industrialized S.U. 🡪 world power