

## Unit 5: World War 1

### Assessment

1. Congress voted to declare war on Germany for several reasons. Which of these did not contribute to Congress's decision to declare war on Germany?
  - a. The Zimmerman note
  - b. Shared German ancestry
  - c. The sinking of the Lusitania
  - d. Germany's submarine warfare
2. The main purpose of President Wilson's Fourteen Points at the end of World War I was to
  - a. Assist the leaders of Europe to gain additional territory at Germany's expense
  - b. Assure peace in the future by not treating Germany as a vanquished nation
  - c. Divide Germany into several parts so it would not be a threat in the future
  - d. Gain reparations from Germany to help pay for the cost of the war
3. Look at the picture and answer the question.

**United States Soldiers Leaving a Trench, 1918**



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- Which statement best describes the impact of this type of warfare?
- a. This type of warfare quickened the pace of battle.
  - b. This was introduced as an offensive tactic during a battle.
  - c. This type of warfare led to the creation of new weapons.
  - d. This was often used to limit the effectiveness of tanks.
4. The League of Nations was President Wilson's plan for an international organization that would work to maintain world peace. What was the role of the United States in the League of Nations?
    - a. The United States saw the League of Nations as crucial to world peace and joined immediately
    - b. The other countries didn't need the United States to build the League of Nations

- c. The United States was key to building the League of Nations, but chose not to join
  - d. The United States built the League of Nations as a bridge between other countries
5. How did technology make WWI different from previous conflicts?
- a. The destructive nature of the new weapons meant that war was over quickly
  - b. The destructive technology meant more casualties of war
  - c. Technology meant less men were required to fight in the war
  - d. Technology meant that generals were able to control the fighting fully
6. In what way was Alvin C. York influential in World War I?
- a. He inspired others to oppose the conflict.
  - b. He inspired others with his military strategy.
  - c. He motivated others with his example of heroism.
  - d. He motivated others to oppose new weapons technology.
7. Read the source and answer the question.

“The question in every case is whether the words used are used in such circumstances and are of such a nature as to create a clear and present danger that they will bring about the substantive evils that Congress has a right to prevent. It is a question of proximity and degree. When a nation is at war, many things that might be said in time of peace are such a hindrance to its effort that their utterance will not be endured so long as men fight, and that no Court could regard them as protected by any constitutional right.”

— U.S. Supreme Court Justice Oliver Holmes, *Schenck v. United States*, 1919

Which statement describes the impact of this case?

- a. This case established limits on the freedom of speech.
  - b. This case recognized the rights of the individual during a time of war.
  - c. This ruling led to an amendment being created to expand free speech.
  - d. This ruling determined the authorization needed for military mobilization.
- 8. Reteach Wednesday Review:**

This is an excerpt from an article by H.L. Mencken.

“All democratic theories, whether socialistic or bourgeois, necessarily take in some concept of the dignity of labor. If the have-not was deprived of this delusion that his sufferings on the assembly line were somehow laudable, there would be little left in ego save a belly-ache. Nevertheless, a delusion is a delusion, and this is one of the worst.”

Based on this excerpt, Mencken would have *most likely* agreed with which sentiment?

- a. Unskilled workers were paid more than they deserved
- b. Mass production was demeaning to low-paid workers
- c. Workers were the backbone of industries and deserved higher wages
- d. Assembly line work was more honorable than other jobs