**First World War Quiz**

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1. In what year did the First World War begin? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. What twas the critical event that led to the outbreak of the conflict?

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3. On what date did the event occur? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Where did the event occur? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Who was the assassin? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. Who issued a “Blank Check”? What was it? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Name the historian who wrote “The guns of August,” the Pulitzer Prize award-winning classic describing the outbreak of World War I: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. Name the two opposing forces in World War I: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. What was the name of the basic German battle plan at the outbreak of the First World War? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

10. As the conflict began, who said:”Thelightsare going out all over Europe. We shall not see them lit again in our time." \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. What was the name of the key battle fought on the western Front from July to late November, 1916, that led to many casualties but was not decisive in breaking through the trench war stalemate. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. Name the British Prime Minister who expressed support for "the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people." on November 2, 1917.

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13. Name the battle planned by Winston Churchill that led to the death of many Australian and New Zealander forces. In what nation was this battle fought?

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14. President Wilson give a famous speech stating American war aims What was the name of the speech? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. Name the British ocean liner that was sound by a German submarine in 1915? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

16. Name the Mexican leader who was pursued by American forces after leading raids in New Mexico:

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17. What poem was written by the American poet Alan Seeger, who was killed in the war in 1916? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

18. Name the nation that Germany sought as an ally in the Zimmerman Telegram: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

19. who won re-election in 1916, campaigning with the slogan, “He kept us out of war.” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

20. What German decision led directly to the U.S. Declaration of War?

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21. In what year did the U.S. enter the First World War?

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22. What was the worldwide epidemic called that began as the First World War was drawing to a close? Where do scholars now believe this epidemic actually originated?

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23. On what date and time did the armistice begin that marked the end of World war I” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

24. Name the key treaty marking the end of the First World War. On what date was dit signed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

25. Whaat was the key roadblock that prevented the United States Senate from ratifying this treaty? Joining \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Answers to August First World War Quiz**

1. 1914

2. Assassination ofAustrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife Sophie

3. June 28, 1914

4. Sarajevo

5. Gavrilo Princip

6. Germany issued a ‘blank check’ to Austria-Hungary, stating the Germans would support whatever action Austria-Hungary decided to take.

7. Barbara W. Tuchman

8. Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire were the Central Powers. Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Romania, Japan and United States were Allied Powers.

9. Schlieffen Plan

10. Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, supposedly

11. Battle of the Somme

12. Arthur Balfour

13. Battle of Gallipoli was fought near the Aegean Sea in western Turkey

14. “Fourteen Points” speech in January 1918

15. Lusitania on May 7, 1915

16. Pancho Villa

17. “I Have a Rendezvous with Death”

18. Mexico

19. Woodrow Wilson

20. The German decision to resume submarine attacks on shipping

21. April 1917

22. Spanish flu is now believed to have begun at army bases in the Midwestern.S>

23. “The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” (11 a.m., Nov. 11, 1918)

24. Treaty of Versailles. June 28, 1919

25. Joining the League of Nations

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