

SOME STUDY QUESTIONS FOR WORLD WAR I COURSES

1. Was the war inevitable whether because of militarism, secret diplomacy, imperialism, or the arms race?
2. Why did Germany's leaders gamble on war in 1914?
3. Why did Britain's leaders decide to intervene in a Continental war?
4. Was the war really greeted with popular enthusiasm?
5. Did propaganda, especially in the press, keep the war going?
6. Why did the huge economic superiority of the British Empire not defeat the Central Powers more quickly and without American intervention?
7. Why did the military superiority of the German Army defeat Russia, Serbia and Rumania, but fail to overcome France and Britain?
8. Why did soldiers keep fighting when conditions on the battlefield were so brutal?
9. Why did men stop fighting?
10. Who won the peace or, more precisely, who ended up paying for it?