

Lesson Plan

Title: World War I – the British Empire and Colonial Nationalism

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Objective and Standards

7.2.1 World War I – Analyze the causes, characteristics, and long-term consequences of World War I by

- analyzing the causes of the war including nationalism, industrialization, disputes over territory, systems of alliances, imperialism, and militarism
- analyzing the distinctive characteristics and impacts of the war on the soldiers and people at home (See 7.1.5)

Procedure

1. **Introduction** – Students will respond to the following questions?

What is Nationalism? It is a good or bad thing? What are things that can affect the development of nationalism?

2. **Lecture / Power point** (there are imbedded videos, which can be skipped to save time)

Students will take notes on the following power point and prepare for discussion based on lecture

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/Lake%20Shore%20folder?preview=WWI+%26+British+Nationalism.pptx>

3. **Review**

Students will complete a Fill in the Blank Worksheet based on power point

<https://www.dropbox.com/home?preview=World+War+I+-+British+Empire+and+Colonial+Nationalism+Question+Sheet.docx>

4. **Follow Up Class Discussion**

In your opinion, what nation had the most effect of its nationalism due to its participation in World War I? Why?

5. **Evaluation**

Based on the students respond on the fill in the blank worksheet and class discussion

Extensions

Take a Stand or Four Corners Activity

- A. Place a post-it note in each corner of the room. One corner note will read **Australia**, one will read **Ireland**, one will read **Canada** and one will read **USA**
- B. Which Country's nationalism was affected by World War I the most?
- C. Students will then gather in one corner and each group will write an opinion statement that supports their opinion and state it to the entire class.
- D. Students will have the option to change corners
- E. If Time, teacher can lead a discussion on expressing opinion and what elements can change one's opinion

Movies that provide more insight

- A. Galipoli <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0082432/>
- B. The Lost Battalion http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0287535/?ref=nm_sr_2

Modifications

A multiple choice worksheet has been provided as modification for students with lower reading levels.

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/Lake%20Shore%20folder?preview=WWI+-+Question+Sheet+-+multiple+choice.docx>

British Nationalism and World War I

1. How large was the British Empire in 1914?
 - a. 1 million sq. miles
 - b. 10 million sq. miles
 - c. 100 million sq. miles
2. The Belief that a nation should build a large army and navy is --
 - a. Militarism
 - b. Nationalism
 - c. Imperialism
3. A Union of nations that form an association for mutual protection is --
 - a. Militarism
 - b. Imperialism
 - c. Alliances
4. The desire to expand the power of one's country beyond its borders is --
 - a. Militarism
 - b. Imperialism
 - c. Alliances
5. The strong belief that a people who share common language, cultural traditions should be an independent country?
 - a. Militarism
 - b. Nationalism
 - c. Imperialism
6. What were the Pals' Brigades?
 - a. British soldiers in unit usually arranged by neighborhoods
 - b. Irish sailors placed on British Ships
 - c. South Africans marines at the battle of the Somme
7. Why were there so many casualties in the Battle of Somme?
 - a. 5, 724
 - b. 10,245
 - c. 57,470
8. A Rebellion in Ireland against British rule was the --
 - a. Irish Home rule
 - b. Dublin Boycott
 - c. Easter Uprising
9. What changed Irish public opinion to favor independence from Britain?
 - a. The loss at the Battle of the Somme
 - b. The drafting of Irish young men
 - c. The Execution of James Connolly
10. Canada emerged from under the shadow of Britain at
 - a. The Easter Uprising
 - b. The Battle at Vimy Ridge
 - c. The sinking of the Lusitania

11. How many Canadians were killed or wounded at Vimy Ridge?
 - a. only 1,000
 - b. just under 5,000
 - c. almost 10,000
12. What was the most prominent land feature on Vimy Ridge?
 - a. Hill 145
 - b. Valley Monument
 - c. Mount St. Michel
13. What Canadian sports team often used a helmeted Canadian World War I soldier?
 - a. Toronto Maple Leafs
 - b. Regina St. Pats
 - c. Kitchener Rangers
14. Vimy Ridge was victory because ---
 - a. Canada, France and England all were successful
 - b. Canada and France were successful but England was not
 - c. Canada was successful but France and England were not
15. What was the goal of the Battle of Gallipoli?
 - a. Destroy the oil fields of Syria
 - b. United British and Russian forces
 - c. Capture Istanbul
16. Why was the Battle of Gallipoli a military failure?
 - a. Australian forces failed to arrive on time
 - b. American Reinforcements were unavailable
 - c. Naval forces could not clear the Straits of Dardanelles
17. What were the Long term effects of the Battle of Gallipoli in Australia and New Zealand?
 - a. Patriotism and movement towards independence in Australia and New Zealand
 - b. Desire by New Zealand to have their soldier incorporated into British units
 - c. A stronger unity of the British Commonwealth
18. How did Britain and France plan on using American troops? A
 - a. Separate units led by British and French officers
 - b. Incorporated into existing units led by British and French Officers
 - c. Mainly in rear defensive positions
19. How did General Pershing plan on using American troops?
 - a. Separate units led by American officers
 - b. Incorporated into existing units led by British and French Officers
 - c. Mainly in rear defensive positions
20. John Pershing doctrine of ----- depended on superior marksmanship and rapid movement?
 - a. Trench warfare
 - b. Open warfare
 - c. Aerial warfare
21. -----captured 132 Germans and won a Medal of Honor?
 - a. John Pershing
 - b. Ferdinand Foch
 - c. Alvin York

22. How many American Casualties were in the Meuse Argonne offensive?
- a. 5,223
 - b. 15,236
 - c. 26,277
23. What were the long term effects of the Meuse Argonne offensive?
- a. America returned to the policy of Isolationism
 - b. American military forces gained worldwide respect
 - c. Woodrow Wilson won reelection
24. In your opinion, what nation had the most effect of its nationalism due it its participation in World War I? Why?

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British Nationalism and World War I

1. How large was the British Empire in 1914?

2. What were the M.A.I.N. causes of World War I? Define them

M. _____

A. _____

I. _____

N. _____

3. What were the Pals' Brigades?

4. Why were there so many casualties in the Battle of Somme? Do you agree or disagree?

5. What was the Easter Uprising? Why did it occur?

6. What was the original public opinion in Ireland about the Easter Uprising? Why did it change?

7. What happened at the Battle of Vimy Ridge?

8. What was the Canadian View of the Battle at Vimy Ridge?

9. What were some of the long term effects of the Battle at Vimy Ridge?

10. What was the goal of the Battle of Gallipoli?

11. Why was the Battle of Gallipoli a military failure?

12. What were the Long term effects of the Battle of Gallipoli in Australia and New Zealand?

13. How did Britain and France plan on using American servicemen? How did General John Pershing plan on using American servicemen?

14. What was the Open Warfare doctrine?

15. Who was Alvin York?

16. How many American Casualties die the Meuse Argonne offensive? Why were there so many American casualties?

17. What were the long term effects of the Meuse Argonne offensive?

18. What is nationalism and how was it influenced by the participation in World War I?

19. In your opinion, what nation had the most effect of its nationalism due it its participation in World War I? Why?
