

Casualties in the Great War

Total casualties in World War I exceeded 37 million, which included both military personnel and civilians. All of the following contributed to the high death rate.

1. Improvements in personal weapons included bolt-action rifles and machine guns.
2. Long-range artillery and anti-aircraft guns were used for the first time.
3. Chlorine and mustard gas were developed.
4. Air warfare was employed for the first time.
5. Tanks were invented.
6. Submarine and battleship technology greatly advanced.
7. Flame throwers were invented.
8. Trench warfare made offensive movements deadly.
9. A world-wide influenza pandemic killed thousands of people.

Above each of the following primary documents, place the number of the cause listed above that is best illustrated by the document. Some sources may refer to more than one cause.

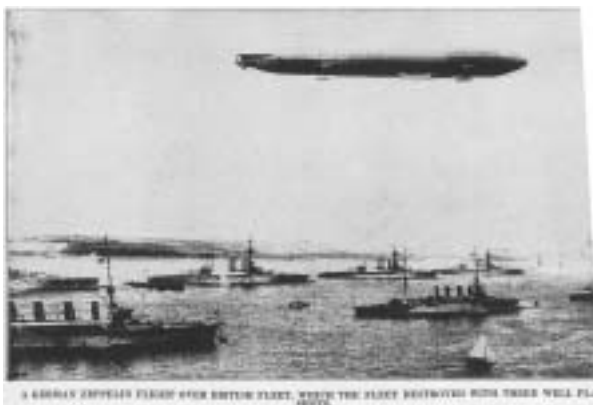
A. Cause #(s) _____



B. Cause #(s) _____



C. Cause #(s) _____



D. Cause #(s) _____



E. Cause #(s) _____

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Nov 15 1918

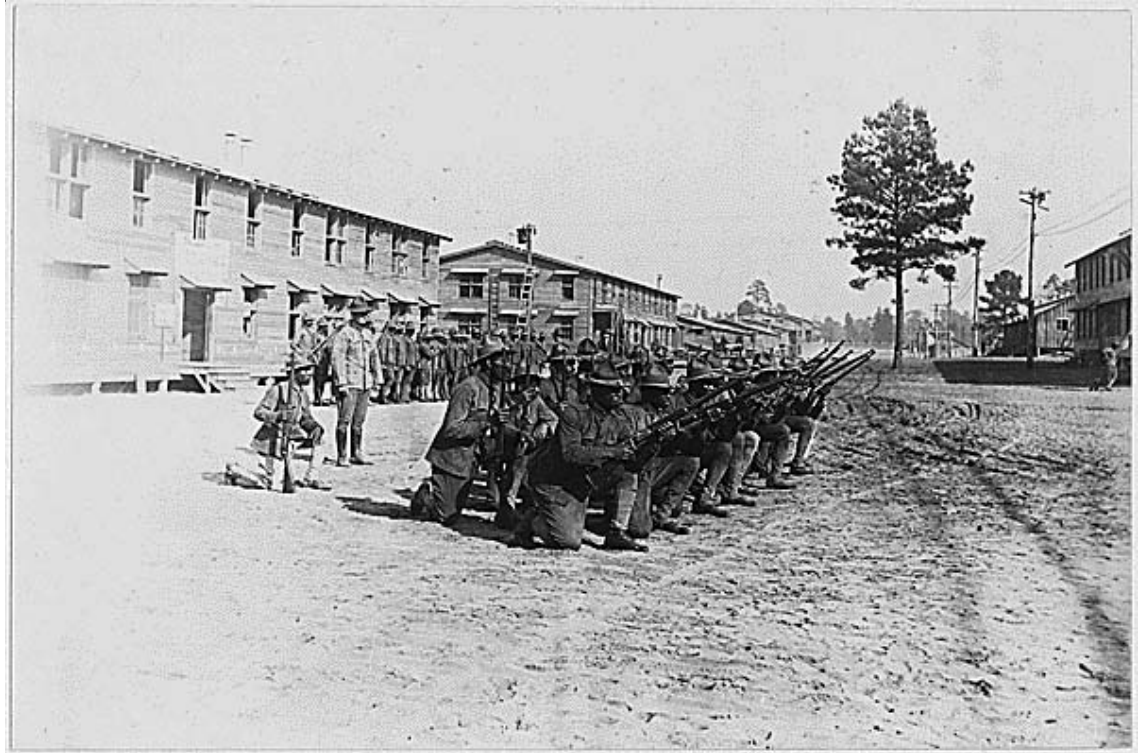
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F. Cause #(s) _____



G. Cause #(s) _____



H. Cause #(s) _____



I. Cause #(s) _____



Answers:

A-2; B-2; C-4, 6; D-5; E-9; F-3; G-1; H-4; I-8

Sources:

A: "The World's Greatest War," *The Raleigh Times*, 1917, World War I Collection, North Carolina State Archives.

B: "Anti-Aircraft Machine Gun of 101st Field Artillery." *WWI: A History in Pictures*, photograph collection cd, published by J. C. Kaelin, Jr. Available through Earthstation1.com

C: "The World's Greatest War," *The Raleigh Times*, 1917, World War I Collection, North Carolina State Archives.

D: "The World's Greatest War," *The Raleigh Times*, 1917, World War I Collection, North Carolina State Archives.

E: Person, M.B., France, to Carl Person, Fayetteville, N.C. November 19, 1918. World War I Collection, County Records Box 4, N. C. State Archives.

Transcript of the letter:

France
Nov 19 1918

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F: "Gas Masks for Man and Horse Demonstrated by American Soldier." *WWI: A History in Pictures*, photograph collection cd, published by J. C. Kaelin, Jr. Available through Earthstation1.com

G: "Rifle Practice at Camp Jackson, South Carolina." *WWI: A History in Pictures*, photograph collection cd, published by J. C. Kaelin, Jr. Available through Earthstation1.com

H: "Public Warning." *WWI: A History in Pictures*, photograph collection cd, published by J. C. Kaelin, Jr. Available through Earthstation1.com

I: "Repairing Trench After Explosion 50 Yards from Enemy Trench." *WWI: A History in Pictures*, photograph collection cd, published by J. C. Kaelin, Jr. Available through Earthstation1.com

This exercise will address Social Studies Standard Course of Study skills 1.04; 2.02; 3.05; 4.06, United States History Competency Goal 8.03, Eighth Grade Competency Goal 5.06, and Fifth Grade Competency Goal 4.05.