

The Leaders During World War I

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I. Lesson Plan Summary

A. Summary- Students will be working in groups of 3 or 4 to create a project on the leaders of the Central Powers and Allied Powers during World War I. Each group will be assigned a country either on the Central side or the Allied side. Once assigned students will prepare a newspaper article on their leader, a poster highlighting the major points about the leader, a background on the state of the country prior to World War I, and then an argument based on the physical size of the country and their ability win a war.

B. Objectives

1. What were the causes of World War I? **SS.A.5.4.3, SS.B.2.4.3**
2. How did Europe become a "powder keg"? **SS.A.5.4.3, SS.B.2.4.3**

C. U.S. History Time Period: World War I

D. Grade Level: 11th Grade High School American History.

E. Materials Needed:

Textbook	Computers
Poster board	Markers

F. Lesson Time: Approximately 270 minutes or 3 block periods.

II. Lesson Procedures

- A. Give students the handout titled: Leaders of WWI.
- B. Group the students using a method of choice into groups of no more than 4.
- C. Have groups pick a leader out of a hat. If there are more groups than leaders, you may assign duplicate leaders.
- D. Read over and explain the assignment to the students. Be sure to inform them of due dates, etc. Answer any questions they may have.
- E. Distribute materials in a manner you deem fit.
- F. Monitor students as they complete the assignment.
- G. If you do not have computers in your classroom, contact the media specialist and reserve a day for computer usage.

III. Activities

A. Newspaper Article

Students need to write a newspaper article discussing their leader's involvement in the beginning of World War I. They need to include things such as beliefs about war, major events they were involved in at the beginning of the war, etc. The article needs to be written as though the students are in the time period, and should include 1 image of the leader.

B. Poster

Students will be creating a poster outlining their leader and the country that they head. The poster needs to include at least 3 images (hand drawn or actual pictures), which side the country was on (Central or Allies), the state of the country before the war (economy, population, etc), include any military background the leader has.

C. Country Analysis

Students will look at the Central Powers and Allied Powers during WWI. They will analyze the countries and write an analytical paper describing which country they believe has the best advantage in fighting a war based on the physical size and location of their country. The paper must be 2 pages, double spaced, times new roman 12 point font.

IV. Assessment

Students will be graded based on the attached rubric.

(see handouts below.)

Leaders of World War I Assignment: France

Your group has been assigned George Clemenceau of France as your leader for this project. You will be responsible for completing a few assignments for your project. The assignments and point values are listed below.

Assignment 1: Newspaper Article

As a group you will be researching and preparing a newspaper article discussing your leader's involvement in the beginning of World War I. You should include:

- a. Your leader's beliefs about the war.
- b. Major events that your leader/ leader's country were involved in at the beginning of the war.
- c. An image of your leader.

Your article needs to be written as though you are in the time period of World War I.

Assignment 2: Poster

Your group will be responsible for creating a poster outlining the accomplishments of your leader, and the country that they head. Your poster materials will be provided for you. Your poster must include the following:

- a. At least 3 images (hand drawn or actual pictures).
- b. The appropriate power association (Central or Allied).
- c. The state of the country before the war (Economy, population, political unrest, etc.).
- d. Include the military background of your leader.

Assignment 3: Country Analysis

Your group will be responsible for conducting an analysis of the country that your leader is in charge of. You will look at your country and write a paper describing the advantage that you believe your country has based on physical size and location in Europe. The paper must be at least 2 pages, double spaced, times new roman, 12 point font.

Leaders of World War I Assignment: Russia

Your group has been assigned Czar Nicholas II of Russia as your leader for this project. You will be responsible for completing a few assignments for you project. The assignments and point values are listed below.

Assignment 1: Newspaper Article

As a group you will be researching and preparing a newspaper article discussing your leader's involvement in the beginning of World War I. You should include:

- d. Your leader's beliefs about the war.
- e. Major events that your leader/ leaders country were involved in at the beginning of the war.
- f. An image of your leader.

Your article needs to be written as though you are in the time period of World War I.

Assignment 2: Poster

Your group will be responsible for creating a poster outlining the accomplishments of your leader, and the country that they head. Your poster materials will be provided for you. Your poster must include the following:

- e. At least 3 images (hand drawn or actual pictures).
- f. The appropriate power association (Central or Allied).
- g. The state of the country before the war (Economy, population, political unrest, etc.).
- h. Include the military background of your leader.

Assignment 3: Country Analysis

Your group will be responsible for conducting an analysis of the country that your leader is in charge of. You will look at your country and write a paper describing the advantage that you believe your country has based on physical size and location in Europe. The paper must be at least 2 pages, double spaced, times new roman, 12 point font.

Leaders of World War I Assignment: Great Britain

Your group has been assigned David Lloyd George of Great Britain as your leader for this project. You will be responsible for completing a few assignments for your project. The assignments and point values are listed below.

Assignment 1: Newspaper Article

As a group you will be researching and preparing a newspaper article discussing your leader's involvement in the beginning of World War I. You should include:

- g. Your leader's beliefs about the war.
- h. Major events that your leader/ leader's country were involved in at the beginning of the war.
- i. An image of your leader.

Your article needs to be written as though you are in the time period of World War I.

Assignment 2: Poster

Your group will be responsible for creating a poster outlining the accomplishments of your leader, and the country that they head. Your poster materials will be provided for you. Your poster must include the following:

- i. At least 3 images (hand drawn or actual pictures).
- j. The appropriate power association (Central or Allied).
- k. The state of the country before the war (Economy, population, political unrest, etc.).
- l. Include the military background of your leader.

Assignment 3: Country Analysis

Your group will be responsible for conducting an analysis of the country that your leader is in charge of. You will look at your country and write a paper describing the advantage that you believe your country has based on physical size and location in Europe. The paper must be at least 2 pages, double spaced, times new roman, 12 point font.

Leaders of World War I Assignment: Germany

Your group has been assigned Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany as your leader for this project. You will be responsible for completing a few assignments for your project. The assignments and point values are listed below.

Assignment 1: Newspaper Article

As a group you will be researching and preparing a newspaper article discussing your leader's involvement in the beginning of World War I. You should include:

- j. Your leader's beliefs about the war.
- k. Major events that your leader/ leader's country were involved in at the beginning of the war.
- l. An image of your leader.

Your article needs to be written as though you are in the time period of World War I.

Assignment 2: Poster

Your group will be responsible for creating a poster outlining the accomplishments of your leader, and the country that they head. Your poster materials will be provided for you. Your poster must include the following:

- m. At least 3 images (hand drawn or actual pictures).
- n. The appropriate power association (Central or Allied).
- o. The state of the country before the war (Economy, population, political unrest, etc.).
- p. Include the military background of your leader.

Assignment 3: Country Analysis

Your group will be responsible for conducting an analysis of the country that your leader is in charge of. You will look at your country and write a paper describing the advantage that you believe your country has based on physical size and location in Europe. The paper must be at least 2 pages, double spaced, times new roman, 12 point font.

Leaders of World War I Assignment: Austria-Hungary

Your group has been assigned Franz Joseph of Austria-Hungary as your leader for this project. You will be responsible for completing a few assignments for your project. The assignments and point values are listed below.

Assignment 1: Newspaper Article

As a group you will be researching and preparing a newspaper article discussing your leader's involvement in the beginning of World War I. You should include:

- m. Your leader's beliefs about the war.
- n. Major events that your leader/ leader's country were involved in at the beginning of the war.
- o. An image of your leader.

Your article needs to be written as though you are in the time period of World War I.

Assignment 2: Poster

Your group will be responsible for creating a poster outlining the accomplishments of your leader, and the country that they head. Your poster materials will be provided for you. Your poster must include the following:

- q. At least 3 images (hand drawn or actual pictures).
- r. The appropriate power association (Central or Allied).
- s. The state of the country before the war (Economy, population, political unrest, etc.).
- t. Include the military background of your leader.

Assignment 3: Country Analysis

Your group will be responsible for conducting an analysis of the country that your leader is in charge of. You will look at your country and write a paper describing the advantage that you believe your country has based on physical size and location in Europe. The paper must be at least 2 pages, double spaced, times new roman, 12 point font.

Leaders of World War I Assignment: Ottoman Empire

Your group has been assigned Enver Pasha of Ottoman Empire as your leader for this project. You will be responsible for completing a few assignments for your project. The assignments and point values are listed below.

Assignment 1: Newspaper Article

As a group you will be researching and preparing a newspaper article discussing your leader's involvement in the beginning of World War I. You should include:

- p. Your leader's beliefs about the war.
- q. Major events that your leader/ leader's country were involved in at the beginning of the war.
- r. An image of your leader.

Your article needs to be written as though you are in the time period of World War I.

Assignment 2: Poster

Your group will be responsible for creating a poster outlining the accomplishments of your leader, and the country that they head. Your poster materials will be provided for you. Your poster must include the following:

- u. At least 3 images (hand drawn or actual pictures).
- v. The appropriate power association (Central or Allied).
- w. The state of the country before the war (Economy, population, political unrest, etc.).
- x. Include the military background of your leader.

Assignment 3: Country Analysis

Your group will be responsible for conducting an analysis of the country that your leader is in charge of. You will look at your country and write a paper describing the advantage that you believe your country has based on physical size and location in Europe. The paper must be at least 2 pages, double spaced, times new roman, 12 point font.

Leaders of World War I Project

Newspaper Article		Points Possible	Total Points E
Comments:	Leaders beliefs about the war		
	5 Points: Beliefs were expressed, backed up by historical fact, and there were few grammatical errors.		
	4 Points: Beliefs were expressed, backed up by historical fact, and contained some grammatical errors.		
	3 Points: Beliefs were expressed, backed up by opinions, or weak facts, contained few grammatical errors.		
	2 Points: Beliefs were expressed, backed up by weak facts, contained many grammatical errors.		
	1 Point: Beliefs were expressed, not backed up, contained many grammatical errors.		
	Major Events at the Beginning of the War		
	3 Points: Major events were listed and clearly explained.		
	2 Points: Major events were just listed.		
	1 Point: Only one Major event was listed.		
	Image of your leader		
	2 Points: Printed image in article.		
	1 Point: Hand drawn image in article.		
	Poster		
Comments:	Images		
	5 Points: Contains 3 clear images		
	4 points: Contains 3 images, but some are unclear		
	3 Points: Contains 2 clear images.		
	2 Points: Contains 2 unclear images.		
	1 Point: Contains less than 2 images, clear or unclear.		
	Power Association		
	3 Points: Contains correct power association.		
	State of the Country Before the War		
	5 Points: Contains accurate information on the state of the country, with few grammatical errors.		
	4 Points: Contains accurate information on the state of the country, with grammatical errors.		

	3 Points: Contains somewhat accurate information on the state of the country, with few grammatical errors.		
	2 Points: Contains somewhat accurate information on the state of the country with many grammatical errors.		
	1 Point: Contains somewhat inaccurate information the state of the country with few grammatical errors.		
Military Background of the Leader			
	5 Points: Contains accurate information on the background of the leader with few grammatical errors.		
	4 Points: Contains accurate information on the background of the leader with many grammatical errors.		
	3 Points: Contains somewhat accurate information on the background of the leader with few grammatical errors.		
	2 Points: Contains somewhat accurate information on the background of the leader with many grammatical errors.		
	1 Point: Contains somewhat inaccurate information on the background of the leader.		
Country Analysis			
Comments:	5 Points: Paper is in correct format, with accurate information, and few grammatical errors.		
	4 Points: Paper is in correct format, with accurate information, and grammatical errors.		
	3 Points: Paper is out of format, with accurate information, and few grammatical errors.		
	2 Points: Paper is out of format, with accurate information, and grammatical errors.		
	1 Point: Paper is out of format, with inaccurate information, and few grammatical errors.		
			Grade:



Leaders of World War I Assignment: United States

Your group has been assigned Woodrow Wilson of United States as your leader for this project. You will be responsible for completing a few assignments for you project. The assignments and point values are listed below.

Assignment 1: Newspaper Article

As a group you will be researching and preparing a newspaper article discussing your leader's involvement in the beginning of World War I. You should include:

- s. Your leader's beliefs about the war.
- t. Major events that your leader/ leaders country were involved in at the beginning of the war.
- u. An image of your leader.

Your article needs to be written as though you are in the time period of World War I.

Assignment 2: Poster

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- y. At least 3 images (hand drawn or actual pictures).
- z. The appropriate power association (Central or Allied).
- aa. The state of the country before the war (Economy, population, political unrest, etc.).
- bb. Include the military background of your leader.

Assignment 3: Country Analysis

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