

Unit 9 Imperialism & WWI Questions  
Some RESPONSES WILL BE LENGTHY!!!

**IMPERIALISM**

1. 'Europeans easily expanded their power over Asian and African cultures.' Evaluate and analyze this statement. Explain how this was done, by whom and why it was done.
2. Support or refute Lenin's statement of 'Imperialism is the monopoly stage of Capitalism'.
3. Explain both the short and long term effects of African colonization.
4. How were the following imperialized by the Europeans:
  - a. Northern Africa
  - b. Egypt
  - c. Belgium Congo \*\*\*\*important
  - d. Southern Africa
5. Discuss several of the causes of the so-called "New Imperialism." In your opinion which countries in their colonial efforts gained an advantage and which countries gained little or nothing for their efforts?
6. Why did Europe and the U.S. create the 'Open Door Policy'?

**WORLD WAR I**

7. What alliances made up Bismarck's system? How were they meant to preserve the peace? What is Bismarck's stated purpose for avoiding war in Europe? Were there other reasons too? Outline how Bismarck's policies contributed to long term problems for his successors.
8. Discuss the growth of German power and the challenge this presented to France and Russia.
9. Create an overview of the major events leading up to the war. Include the set up of each alliance, and each major event leading up to the start of the war in 1914. (Kagan 838-847). An explanation of each event is necessary!
10. Create a summary, a year-by-year review, of the **important** military strategies and events of World War I.
11. Evaluate the settlement in Paris. What did it say? What were its effects on the different states in Europe and the United States?
12. Compare and contrast the conditions of European politics and society that existed at the time of the Congress of Vienna (1815) with those existing at the time of the Paris Peace Conference (1919).

**RUSSIAN REVOLUTION**

13. Explain the overall events that changed the government of Russia during the Russian Revolution.
14. Describe the economic and political realities in Russia during World War I. In your opinion should Lenin and the Bolsheviks have been surprised at their seemingly sudden success? Explain.