1914 – 1918

World War I Quiz

Name _____ Date _____

Fill in the circle beside the best answer.

1. What event sparked World War I in 1914?

- (A) The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand
- (B) The invasion of Poland by the German army
- (C) The overthrow of Tsar Nicholas II of Russia
- (D) The sinking of the British ocean liner Lusitania

2. What was trench warfare?

- (A) Sailors fighting from submarines hidden under the sea
- (B) Soldiers fighting from armored tanks rolling across fields
- (C) Pilots fighting from small planes high above the front
- (D) Soldiers fighting from long ditches dug into the ground

3. What ship did Germany sink in 1915, helping turn US opinion against Germany?

- (A) The Titanic
- (B) The Arizona
- (C) The Lusitania
- (D) The Bismarck

4. When did the United States enter World War I?

- (A) 1917
- (B) 1916
- (C) 1914
- (D) 1915

5. What happened during the Russian Revolution of 1917?

(A) Russia's tsar was overthrown and Russia joined Germany

(B) Russia's tsar was overthrown and Russia left the war

(C) Russia's army was defeated and Germany took Moscow

(D) Russia's tsar signed the armistice and kept his throne

6. Why was the Battle of the Somme so significant?

(A) The Allies broke through and captured Berlin within a few weeks

(B) Over a million American soldiers arrived there to push Germany back

(C) Germany's army was beaten so badly that it asked for peace

(D) Over a million soldiers were killed or wounded for little gain

7. When did the fighting in World War I stop?

(A) September 1, 1939

(B) November 11, 1918

(C) April 6, 1917

(D) June 28, 1919

8. Why did the US finally declare war on Germany in 1917?

(A) Germany bombed an American naval base and sank most of the US fleet

(B) Germany captured Paris and threatened to invade Great Britain

(C) Germany attacked American ships and urged Mexico to attack the US

(D) Germany and Mexico signed an alliance and invaded Texas

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3. **C** The Lusitania

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5. **B** Russia's tsar was overthrown and Russia left the war

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