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- CENTRAL HISTORICAL QUESTION(S) -
WHAT IS TOTAL WAR?

FEATURED BELOW: Armenian refugees during World War I, photographer unknown.,



LESSON OBJECTIVE(S)

1.) EXPLAIN *how World War I came to an end*

II.) EVALUATE *controversial issues surrounding World War I*

PART I: WARM UP

DIRECTIONS: Respond to the Warm Up question. Make note of any meaningful comments in the following mini-discussion.

LANDMARK EVENTS OF WORLD WAR I

TIMELINE

JUNE 1914 – Serbian nationalist, Gavrilo Princip, assassinates Austro-Hungarian Archduke, Franz Ferdinand and his wife

JULY 1914 – Austro-Hungary declares war on Serbia

JULY – AUGUST 1914 – **Russia, France and Britain** come together to form the Triple Entente (*i.e. the Allied Powers*) and declare war against the alliance known as the Triple Alliance of **Germany, Austro-Hungary and Italy** (*i.e. the Central Powers*) who is later joined by the **Ottoman Empire and Bulgaria**. **Japan** later joins the Allied Powers. All colonies and/or spheres of influence of each country abroad become supporting participants in each imperial country's war effort.

1915 – Italy abandons the Triple Alliance and sides with the Allied Powers

1916 – Combatants involved suffer massive, devastating losses at infamous battles of Verdun & the Somme

1917 – The **United States of America** enters the war on the side of the Allied Powers

MARCH 1918 – Russia withdraws from the war

JULY 1918 – The Allied Powers defeat Germany at Second Battle of the Marne, a majorly decisive defeat for the Central Powers

NOVEMBER 1918 – Warring nations sign armistice ending the war

JUNE 1919 – Participants in the war meet in France to discuss how to resolve the conflict create an enduring peace. The final resolution is documented in the Treaty of Versailles

SEPTEMBER 1939 – Germany invades the newly formed nation-state of Poland. Great Britain & France declare war on Germany, beginning what becomes known as World War II.

MY ASSIGNED CLAIM-STATEMENT IS:

Circle the claim-statement your group has been assigned.

1.) WORLD WAR I COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED.

2.) WORLD WAR I WAS A JUSTIFIED WAR.

3.) GERMANY IS TO BLAME FOR THE OUT BREAK OF WORLD WAR I.

Once you have been assigned your group's claim statement, begin researching evidence to support your claim in response to the following question:

To what extent do you agree with [your assigned claim statement]?