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## Document Based Question (DBQ)

### World War I

Directions: This Question is based on the accompanying documents (1-6). Some of the documents have been edited for the purpose of the question. This question is designed to test your ability to work with historical documents. As you analyze the documents take into account both the CONTEXT of each document and the POINT OF VIEW that may be presented.

#### Historical Context:

When World War I began in 1914, it was widely believed that the fighting would be over quickly. Sadly, it soon became clear that the fighting would continue for some time and result in massive casualties. Although the United States attempted to avoid involvement in the war, by 1917 they joined the Allied Powers.

This DBQ consists of TWO parts. The documents in Part A will help you answer the Part B Essay in which you will be asked to:

#### Task:

Using information AT LEAST *four* documents and your knowledge of social studies, answer all the document questions in Part A and use the answers in your Part B Essay in which you will be asked to:

- ☐ *Describe* the causes of World War I
- ☐ *Describe* the conditions in the trenches during World War I
- ☐ *Explain* why the United States entered World War I.

Part A:

Document 1:



1. What main cause of World War I is shown in Document 1?

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Document 2:

Weather Forecast:  
Showers Tonight; Fair  
Monday  
Full Report on Page Three

The Washington Times

SUNDAY EVENING  
EDITION

NUMBER 8114

WASHINGTON, SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 28, 1914.

PRICE ONE CENT.

# SERB STUDENT ASSASSINATES ARCHDUKE AND HIS DUCHESS

Artist rendering of the assassination of Austria-Hungarian Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife, in Bosnia

## FALL VICTIMS TO ASSASSIN

### SEVEN PASSENGERS FLY THROUGH AIR WITH LIEUT. PORTE

Trip-Atlanta Flight Plans Announced by Kinest. Periodic Behavior of the War.

By LIEUT. JOHN STEVE, A. M. (Editor and managing director of the Washington Times, who has been in command of the flight since its inception.) The flight was made on the 28th of June, 1914, at 10:30 a. m. The flight was made in a biplane, and the passengers were all women. The flight was made in a biplane, and the passengers were all women. The flight was made in a biplane, and the passengers were all women.

### BOMB HURLED INTO CARRIAGE FAILS TO EXPLODE, USES PISTOL

From Several Shots, All of Which Lodged in Vital Parts, and Francis Ferdinand of Austria and Sophie Chotek, His Morganatic Wife, Were Found to Have Been Killed Instantly.

VIENNA, June 28.—The Archduke Franz Ferdinand and the archduchess were assassinated today as they were leaving the city for the summer residence. The assassin, a Serbian student of eighteen, who had been in the city for some time, had been in the city for some time. The assassin, a Serbian student of eighteen, who had been in the city for some time, had been in the city for some time.

2. According to the document, what event began World War I?

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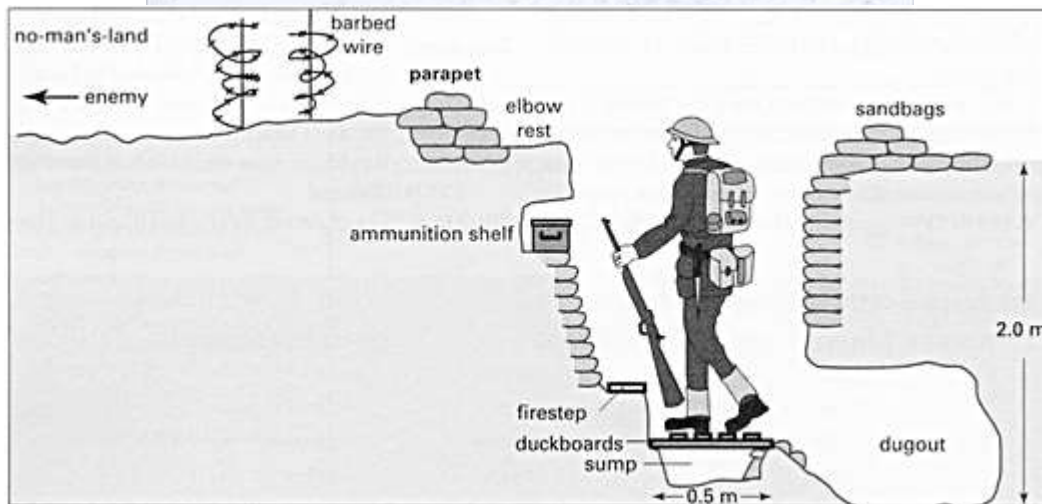
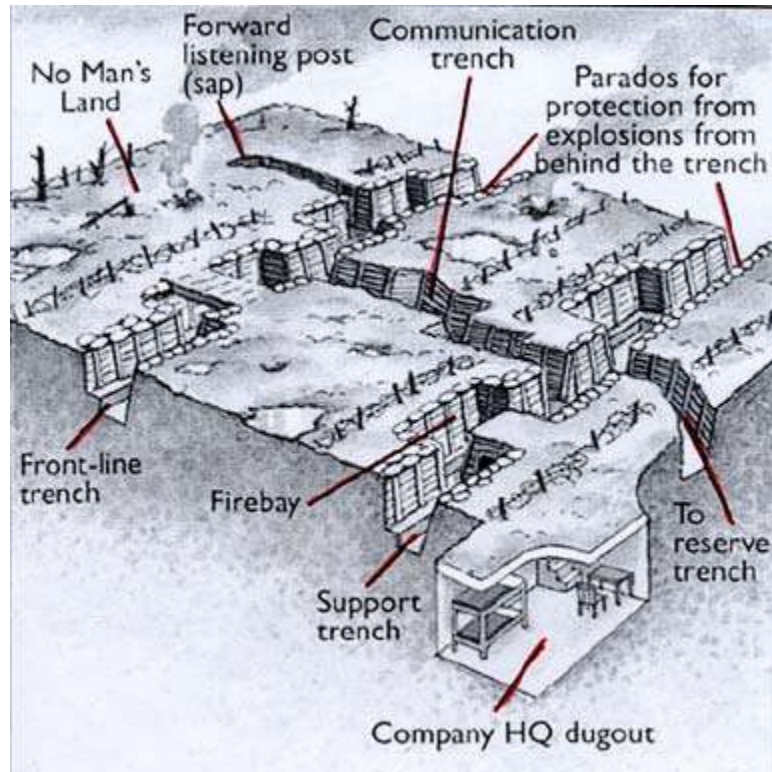


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Document 3:



3. Based on the document, what was the primary method of fighting used on the Western Front during World War I?

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Document 4



Soldiers being inspected for signs of Trench Foot

4. According to the document, what was one difficulty faced by soldiers serving in the trenches during World War I?

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"All the News That's  
Fit to Print."

The New York Times.

**EXTRA**  
6:30 A. M.

VOL. LXXXV., NO. 33396
NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1915.—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES
ONE CENT

## LUSITANIA SUNK BY A SUBMARINE, PROBABLY 1,260 DEAD; TWICE TORPEDOED OFF IRISH COAST; SINKS IN 15 MINUTES; CAPT. TURNER SAVED, FROHMAN AND VANDERBILT MISSING; WASHINGTON BELIEVES THAT A GRAVE CRISIS IS AT HAND

**SHOCKS THE PRESIDENT**  
Washington Deeply Stirred by the Loss of American Lives.

**BULLETINS BY WHITE HOUSE**  
When Ready They Clasp, but to Wait on the Nation's Course.

**SENATE OF CONGRESS CALL**  
Some of Lusitania's Service Firm Ties of Our First Warning to Germany.

**CAPITAL FULL OF ANXIETY**  
Reports That Ship Was to Be Sunk Were False, Officially Stated.

Special to the New York Times.  
Washington, May 4.—No one here here, apart from those who have seen the Lusitania, can give a better idea of the shock than that of the Lusitania. The news is a blow to the heart of the nation. The ship was a liner, and was carrying a large number of passengers and crew. The loss of the ship is a great disaster to the United States.



The Lost Lusitania Steamship  
X Where the First Torpedo Struck. — At Where the Second Torpedo Struck.

**SOME DEAD TAKEN HOME**  
Several Hundred Survivors at Queenstown.

### NOTICE!

TRAVELLERS intending to embark on the Atlantic voyage are reminded that a state of war exists between Germany and her allies and Great Britain and her allies; that the zone of war includes the waters adjacent to the British Isles; that, in accordance with formal notice given by the Imperial German Government, vessels flying the flag of Great Britain, or of any of her allies, are liable to destruction in those waters and that travellers sailing in the war zone on ships of Great Britain or her allies do so at their own risk.

**IMPERIAL GERMAN EMBASSY,**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 22, 1915.

5. Based on the document, what was one cause of American involvement in World War I?

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## Document 6:

**WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM**

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

via Galveston JAN 19 1917

GERMAN LEGATION  
MEXICO CITY

130	13042	13401	8501	115	3528	416	17214	6491	11310
18147	18222	21540	10247	11618	23877	13805	3404	14036	
98092	9505	11311	10398	10371	0308	21890	5161	39095	
22571	17504	11249	18276	18101	0317	0228	17894	4473	
22884	22800	19452	21589	07893	5589	13918	8958	12137	
1335	4725	4458	5905	17106	13851	4458	17149	14471	6706
13850	12284	6949	14991	7382	15857	07893	14218	38477	
5870	19553	87892	08770	5404	16102	15217	21801	17158	
21001	17586	7416	28636	18222	4719	14331	16021	23845	
3104	23552	22098	21004	4757	9497	22471	20855	4377	
23410	18140	22890	5905	13347	50420	39689	13732	20857	
6528	2170	18507	58208	1340	28049	13339	11265	22295	
10439	14814	4178	6992	8784	7832	7387	6925	52282	11287
21100	21272	9344	9559	23404	16874	18902			
2125	8306	7381	98092	18127	13480	9350			
5144	2821	17800	11247	27142	11264	7867			
10482	57556	3569	3670						

SEPASTORFF,

Charge German Embassy,

Original coded message of the Zimmerman Telegram



6. Based on the document, what was a reason for American involvement in World War I?

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Part B:

Write a well-organized essay that includes an introduction, several body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Use evidence from *at least four* documents in your essay. Support your response with relevant facts, examples, and details. Include additional outside information.

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In your essay, be sure to:

- Develop all aspects of the task
- Incorporate information from *at least four* documents
- Incorporate relevant outside information
- Support theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
- Use a logical and clear plan of organization, including an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the Historical Context.