

**AP WORLD HISTORY**  
**CHAPTER 29 HOMEWORK**  
**PACKET:**  
The Crisis of the Imperial Order,  
1900–1929

Take-Home Homework Packet  
100 Points

**Honor Code**

I understand that this is an independent assignment and that I can not receive any assistance from any other person. I will conduct all of my own research and will answer the questions to the best of my ability.

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## **The Crisis of the Imperial Order, 1900–1929**

### **FOCUS QUESTIONS**

What led to the outbreak of the First World War?

How did the war lead to revolution in Russia?

What role did the war play in eroding European dominance in the world?

Why did China and Japan follow such divergent paths in this period?

How did the Middle East change as a result of the war?

How did European and North American society and technology change in the aftermath of the war?

## CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS

What role did nationalism play in the imperialism of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries? How did the motives of Belgium, for instance, differ from those of Great Britain? From Prussia?

Why did the rigidity and precision of European railway schedules make war inevitable once mobilization began?

As the Great War began it was greeted with a near-romantic anticipation. Why do you think this was so? What role did the Crimean War of 1853–1856 and the Franco-Prussian War of 1871 play in creating this attitude?

Why is the four years of fighting on the Western Front generally considered the most futile waste of human life in history?

How did the First World War lead to the breakdown of Russian society and the rise of Lenin and the Bolsheviks? What role did Germany play in Lenin's rise to power? What was the cost to the Russians of peace with Germany?

The author refers to the Treaty of Versailles as "one of the great failures in history." How does the information in the text support this assertion?

How did Trotsky and Stalin's vision of communism differ? What steps did Stalin take to insure that he would be Lenin's successors?

How did Sun Yat-sen's background prepare him to be a revolutionary leader? Why did he yield his presidency of China to Yuan Shikai? What advantage did Chiang Kai-shek possess that Sun Yat-sen did not?

During the course of the First World War, what promises did the British make to both the Arabs and Zionists that were NOT fulfilled in the Treaty of Versailles? How did the Zionists respond to British efforts to limit Jewish immigration to Palestine? How did the British handle the colonial status of both Iraq and Egypt?

The First World War called forth an extensive re-evaluation of both human nature and man's place in the universe. In what ways was the perception of human existence altered by the conflict? How did the understanding of the universe alter?

### **SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Write an essay explaining the system of alliances that transformed an assassination in the Balkans into a global conflict.

Beginning with the sinking of the *Lusitania*, develop an essay that discusses the American involvement in the First World War and the impact of that involvement on the place of the United States in world affairs.