American History
Unit 15 – World War One
Critical Thinking Assignment

Questions: All answers must be in complete sentences! (5 points each)

1. The long-term causes of WWI are said to be imperialism, militarism, nationalism, and alliances. Explain these terms as well as the immediate cause of WWI:
2. What was a bigger reason that American entered WWI, the sinking of the Lusitania or the Zimmerman note? Explain.
3. How did trench warfare affect how the war was fought?
4. Illustrate how each of the following people were involved in WWI: Kaiser Wilhelm, Emperor Franz Josef, Woodrow Wilson, John J. Pershing, King Albert I, Czar Nicholas II
5. How did technological advancements affect WWI?
6. Describe how Woodrow Wilson's stance changed from 1914 to 1917?
7. Look at and analyze two posters on different topics from WWI
8. Why do you believe gas warfare became illegal after WWI?
9. How did the map of Europe change after WWI?

Essay Question: (25 points)
World War I was called the war to end all wars. Humankind had never before caused such death and destruction. The Versailles treaty and the League of Nations were supposed to stop future wars but less than a generation later another world war erupted. Why didn't the Treaty and the League work? Use your textbook as an additional resource if necessary. This answer should be in a standard essay format: 500 words, 12 pixel font, Times New Roman, default margins, double-spaced, and with a bibliography attached.

Excellent Internet Resources:
Trench warfare: http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/education/
Europe after WWI-map: http://users.erols.com/mwhite28/post-ww1.htm
Woodrow Wilson/League of Nations: http://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/ww40.htm
WWI posters: http://www.the-forum.com/posters/WARPOST1.HTM
Sinking of the Lusitania: http://www.eyewitnesshistory.com/snppwwi2.htm
Weapons: http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/FWWweapons.htm
The Peace Treaty of Versailles: http://www.colby.edu/personal/r/cmscheck/GermanyD1.html
Causes of WWI: http://history.louisiana.edu/
The Zimmerman Note: http://www.lib.byu.edu/index.php/1917_Documents

Due: ____________________________________________________________________________
Assignment Worth: 70 points total