

**WORLD WAR ONE**

**Directions:** Use the words in the word bank below, input the correct word to complet the sentences below.

1914	1919	advanced	assassination	Central Powers	civilians	communist
diplomatic	empires	global	inevitable	July	republic	submarines

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The violence and blockades of the war also led to the deaths of millions of (10) ..... and the large-scale destruction of property and land. Politically the war had far-reaching consequences.

The international system was totally transformed. Germany became a (11) ..... a (12) ..... Soviet Union emerged, America became a world power and Britain started a slow decline. At the peace conferences of (13) ..... the German, Turkish, and Austro-Hungarian (14) ..... were broken up. New boundaries were drawn in Europe and the Middle East, boundaries —as in Iraq and Kuwait -which were still intact at the end of the century.

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