WWI BattleFields

Watch: 20th Century Battlefields: 1918 Western Front and fill-in/answer the following:

1. In 1918, the allies were still where they had been three years earlier. The Great war had turned into a deadly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Battles like Passchendaele, Ypres, Somme, and Verdun, had resulted in a catastrophic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on both sides.

3. Trench warfare was split between long periods of boredom and short moments of extreme danger. Private Kenneth Garry said, “A man could be in the trenches a year and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

4. Throughout the war there had been a vicious fight over the Atlantic shipping lanes. At first German U-boats only aimed to shoot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vessels. They made a mistake and began targeting supply ships owned by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. What was the result of this mistake?

6. What was the problem with these American “dough boys”?

7. Therefore the allies had to hold \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a while longer.

8. What was the problem in the east? (hint: Who made peace with Germany?)

9. What did this mean for the Western Front?

10. German’s General was named? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ What was he missing? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. What was Kaiserschlacht?

# Amiens

12. Amiens was the most important city on the western front but it laid only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles from the part of the front that was poorly defended.

13. Why was it an important city?

14. What was the problem with long bombardments?

15. Ludendorff’s bombardment was only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hours. Then Storm troopers would begin their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The hope was to cause mass confusion.

16. What was the problem with the Allied leadership?

17. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ guns and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ trench mortars fired simultaneously along the 46 mile front in the greatest concentration of bombardment to date.

18. In their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ built trenches the British were being slaughtered.

19. The storm troopers cleared a path through the lines followed by the regular German troops. The British began to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

20. They finally managed to stand firm just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles from Amiens.

21. The Germans had advanced \_\_\_\_\_ miles and made a massive dent in the British front line.

22. Ludendorff launched \_\_\_\_ more offensives. The last one got him within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miles of Paris.

23. With a much longer line, the Germans were spread thin allowing the Allies to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

# Belleau Wood

24. The task of clearing Belleau Wood had been given to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

25. The Marines had to fight through heavy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fire that cost them terrible \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

26. The Marines were victorious but had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ casualties. The Germans path to Paris was now blocked and the Americans had proven themselves to be more than “dough boys”.

27. Ludendorff had to face the truth his men were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Allies would now take the fight to the Germans.

# Amiens

28 British General, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be in charge of this next battle.

29. What was his new strategy?

30. A tank’s top speed was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ which made them vulnerable to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

31. Advantages of tanks included:

32. Usually Artillery would fire test shots to gain idea about the position of their target but this time they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so they wouldn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

33. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the final component of the all arms attack.

34. August 1914 would be the first time that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would be coordinated on such a large scale.

35. What were the three objectives from Rawlinson?

36. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was laid on the streets of Amiens to deaden the sound of troops and artillery gathering. The operation was to be a complete \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

37. What were soldiers allowed to say if they were captured?

38. The morning of battle, a ground mist provided \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. All was very quiet.

39. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was delivered by 700 guns.

40. The job of the Canadian troops was to:

41. By about \_\_\_\_\_\_ hours into battle they had reached their first objective. Now \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came forward to continue the attack.

42. Once the fog cleared, Rawlinson sent in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

43. Canadian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ headed to the German held village Mezieres.

44. By late morning most men had met \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They had moved \_\_\_\_\_ miles in half a day.

45. Rawlinson order 20,000 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the front line.

46. Allied troops found that German soldiers were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

47. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the German fighting team had cracked.

48. The attack went on for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more days until it lost momentum and was over.

49. These few days turned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. And the war ended \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ months later.

50. What ‘new’ things emerged from the First World War?