

Historical Importance of WW I

- 1- First time in history that nations w/ Industrial power fight each other

result- more & more nations will move to improve their

Industrial capabilities

- 2- Industry increased distance over which battle could be fought, made weapons more accurate, shortened time between battles
result- 9 to 10 million military deaths

- 3- Imperialist European nations placed their colonial troops in horrible situations & conditions

result - seeds are sown
for numerous
independence movements
by colonial nations
around globe

4 - the peace treaty is
vengeful & therefore a
failure

result - a second world
war just 20 years
later

estimates - 60 million
military & civilian deaths

5- American isolationism is not possible, world events affect the US, and other places seek US help result - America becomes more & more involved in world events permanently

6- Movement of people, animals, & supplies worldwide, along w/ the filth of war, the many bloody injuries (sick

& injured troops travelling home) caused the worldwide spread of disease

result- an epidemic of Influenza, the flu, killed from 1918-1919 an estimated 22 to 50 million people

7- National boundaries of the Middle East were created after WWI (the break-up of the Ottoman Turkish Empire) - mostly determined by the British & French, and in some cases little attention was paid to old tribal, ethnic, or religious boundaries result - many of the conflicts in the

Middle East during the 20th Century can trace their roots to these post-WWI divisions

8—Russia is devastated by WWI; revolutions, civil war, anarchy, the Red Terror

result-the emergence of a communist dictatorship → Soviet Union, a nation that will be a major player in world affairs for 70 plus years