

# World War I and the Russian Revolution

## Section 3: Winning the War

# Waging Total War

- Nations restructured their economies to feed their war efforts. All citizens—women included—had roles to play in the war-driven economy.
- The average citizen was also made a target when navies began forming blockades to stop not only military supplies, but food and ships carrying civilians.

# Morale Collapses

- With mounting death tolls and massive food shortages in most of Europe and Russia, troops began to desert their posts.
- In Russia, a revolution erupted that would bring V.I. Lenin to power.

# The United States Declares War

- When Germany announced they would resume unrestricted submarine warfare and the German foreign minister was discovered soliciting Mexico's help against the United States, President Wilson asked Congress to declare war on Germany.

# Victory at Last

- When fresh troops arrived in Europe by the thousands, the weary German forces were no match.
- Austria-Hungary were also unraveling and its subject nations seized the moment to revolt.