US HISTORY **Names**_____
Topic 8 – World War I _____
Treaty of Versailles Debate Activity _____
Points Possible: 25 pts _____

***<u>Directions (Part 1)</u> –** In groups of 3-4, answer the following questions based upon your reading from the Choices Program *To End All Wars: World War I and the League of Nations*.

1. Describe the effectiveness of American propaganda and patriotic campaigns for Americanism in World War I using examples. What effect did these propaganda efforts have upon the American populace?

2. What kinds of domestic and international factors made it difficult for President Wilson to achieve his goals in the creation of the Treaty of Versailles? List examples of both *domestic* (American politics) and *international* (European) problems.

3. What was the German reaction to the terms of the Treaty of Versailles?

4. What was the international reaction to the Treaty of Versailles (Great Britain, France, Italy, and the United States)?

***<u>Directions (Part 2)</u> –** Your groups have been assigned a position on the Treaty of Versailles. You will either be a *Progressive Internationalist*, *Reservationist,* or *Irreconcilable*. Answer the following questions based upon which side you have been assigned (or if you are doing this for homework, pick one side).

1. Which side will your group argue in the Treaty of Versailles debate?_____

2. List the beliefs and assumptions underlying your option:

3. List the supporting arguments for your option:

4. Either on this sheet, or on a separate sheet of paper, write a 1-2 paragraph speech that describes (1) which option your side represents, (2) your ideas about the Treaty of Versailles, (3) what the effects of passage of the Treaty of Versailles will be, and (4) what America's place in the globe should be now that the war has concluded.