Europe and Japan in Ruins Activity

Part A: Build Vocabulary Complete diagram from notes

1. What is the root word?

military

2. What are some related words?

- militarize
- militia
- militant
- demilitarize

3. What does the word mean?

disbanding of armed forces

4. Where would it happen?

in countries that had been at war and were defeated

5. Why would it happen?

to prevent countries from waging war

Part B: Answer from presentation

World War One

- more death and destruction than ever seen before
- millions dead and wounded; drained European treasuries
- destroyed farmland, homes, villages, towns

World War One

- people felt disillusioned, insecure, and despairing
- League of Nations created to promote peace

World War One

- peace treaties punished Germany, created new nations, left legacy of bitterness and resentment
- U.S. emerged as dominant nation in world

- more death and destruction than any other conflict in history
- millions dead
- millions homeless
- property damage in billions of dollars

- hundreds of cities reduced to rubble
- much of countryside destroyed
- people without water and electricity and with little food
- displaced persons wandered countryside

- thousands died of famine and disease
- people without shoes and coats in winter
- some prewar governments returned
- communists made gains at first in Italy and France but then declined as economies recovered

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- Nazi war criminals tried
- U.S. and Soviet Union emerged as two major world powers

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