Lesson Plan

Aim: How can economics be used as a weapon in a gunpowder war?

Discuss supply and demand

Around US Civil war, Swiss and French method for KNO3

Link Ch 27 Battle of Omduran with British against Mahdi - advent of machine guns

Mention cordite's advantages over black powder and composition

Link to Ch.28 with US becoming wealthy from trade and Britain's need for wood

Shell Crisis of 1915 causes and effects

Chiam Weizmann, acetone from starchy foods and bacteria

Mention the failed effort of collecting Conkers for acetone

Cordite RDB substitution, more expensive, mention switching supplies, fragility via scarcity

Multiple Choice

1. What ways did the United States profit from Britain from before WWI to mid WWI?

a)Exporting wood for acetone  
b)Exporting single base bullets  
c)All of the above  
d)None of the above

Choice c

2. How did Chiam Weizman save Britain?

a) Making gunpowder from human waste  
b) Creation of acetone from starchy foods for cordite  
c) Inventing Cordite RDB  
d)Increasing gunpowder production

Choice B

3. Which of the following statements is completely false about conkers?

a)Conkers were only used to produce acetone for about three months  
b)There was much more horse chestnuts collected than transported by the government  
c)The conkers greatly helped the war effort  
d)There were conspiracy theories surrounding conkers

Choice C