

Woodrow Wilson's Foreign Policy and the First World War
American History Honors (Text: Section 18.4; Chapter 19)

Wilson's Moral Diplomacy

Know Wilson's foreign policy goals. How was his "moral diplomacy" different from previous administrations?

Why did Wilson refuse to recognize Huerta's government in Mexico?

When did Wilson intervene in Mexico and why? (two occurrences – refer to the handout)

Causes of World War I; Beginning of the Great War

What were the components that led to the eventual "explosion" of World War I?

Where did most of the fighting take place during the early years of World War I? What was fighting like?

How did the United States respond to war in Europe (pre-1917)? Were Americans truly neutral? Why did Americans generally favor the Allies?

Causes of U.S. entry into World War I:

Know the broad/overall causes of American entry to the war and connect them with specific events. One example is already done to illustrate your assignment. Review your notes carefully and think critically.

British propaganda / news of German brutality \longrightarrow British cut the trans-Atlantic telegraph cable

What was the *Sussex* pledge?

What was the Preparedness movement?

How did Woodrow Wilson convince a "neutral" America to go to war?

Supporting the War at Home:

Fill in the following chart for the “war boards”:

Board	Leader	Purpose/Goals
Committee on Public Information		
War Industries Board		
War Labor Board		
Food Administration		
Fuel Administration		

What was the Selective Service Act and how was it successful?

How did African Americans participate? Did they experience combat?

Women?

Review your notes on civil liberties. What effect did these laws have on German-Americans? Immigrants? Labor leaders? Socialists? **Review these in your notes.**

Review your notes on social changes caused by the war.

What was the Great Migration?

Americans at War:

How did Americans save Paris?

Review the major battles that Americans participated in. We used an interactive map in class to discuss this. A similar map is available on page 592 of your textbook.

Creating a lasting peace?

What were the goals of Wilson’s Fourteen Points?

How did framers of the Versailles Treaty punish Germany?

Why did Republican senators oppose the treaty and League of Nations?

Election of 1920 – why was this a “death sentence” for the League?

Remember the writings of the post-war period as a period of “disillusionment.” Many of you have discussed these authors in your English class.