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American History Honors
Bishop Kenny High School

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UNIT PLAN

✗ Our discussion of Woodrow Wilson and World War I will deviate slightly from the order of material in the textbook.

✗ Pay attention to announcements in class and this outline.

✗ Primary Source Reading: Document 5.9 (pages 165-167)

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WILSON'S FOREIGN POLICY/PROBLEMS

✗ (Remaining material from section 18.4)

✗ Lodge Corollary (1912)

✗ New Freedom / Moral or "Missionary" diplomacy

✗ Mexican Revolution and Pancho Villa – SEE THE HANDOUT!

✗ Problems in Europe

✗ Causes of The Great World War in Europe?

✗ Resource: [Europe at Start of WW I](#)

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CAUSES OF WORLD WAR I IN EUROPE

✗ Terms: nationalism, imperialism, militarism, alliance system

✗ Secret treaties/balance of powers

✗ Spark: 6/28/1914 – assassination of Archduke F. Ferdinand

✗ Chain reaction of events

✗ Both (central powers & allies) locked in trench stalemate

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WAR PRIOR TO U.S. INVOLVEMENT

✗ Review from World History...

✗ Schlieffen Plan; failure (too slow!)

✗ "No man's land"

✗ Trench warfare holds ground

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LETHAL TECHNOLOGY: MODERN WAR

✗ Young people joined to be heroes

✗ Machine guns, grenades, artillery shells, poison gas

✗ "no-man's land"

✗ War soon became war of attrition

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U.S. NEUTRALITY AND PROBLEMS

✗ U.S. neutrality in Europe since 1796

✗ Pull on the U.S. from both sides – Wilson urges civilian neutrality (see document 5.9.A)

✗ Financial Involvement & Blockade

✗ German U-boats: Submarine warfare

✗ *Lusitania* sinking & impending crisis

✗ Wilson's weak response?

✗ Issue in the 1916 Election

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PUBLIC DEBATE: SHALL WE GO?

✗ German defiance (January 1917)

✗ Zimmermann Note (March 1917)

✗ Bolshevik Revolution in Russia

✗ Wilson requests war – April 2, 1917 (see document 5.9.B)

✗ Prepared?










✗ Pacifism?

✗ How to gain support nationwide?

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WAR PROPAGANDA

✗ Mobilization and Financing War

- ✗ *PowerPoint on WW I Posters*
- ✗ George Creel – Committee on Public Information
- ✗ Industry and Labor
- ✗ War or Work (Women, too)
- ✗
- 12  **WAR BOARDS**
 - ✗ War Industries Board – B. Baruch
 - ✗ Food Administration – Herbert Hoover
 - ✗ Fuel Administration – Harry Garfield
 - ✗ National War Labor Board – William Howard Taft
 - ✗ Liberty Bonds
- 13  **PUBLIC OPINION/CIVIL LIBERTIES**
 - ✗ Propaganda and boards already discussed
 - ✗ Espionage Act of 1917
 - ✗ Sedition Act of 1918 (Debs jailed)
 - ✗ *Schenck v. United States* (1919): Free speech can be denied when it was a “clear and present danger” to safety
- 14  **MOBILIZATION OF FORCES**
 - ✗ Conscription: All males 18-45 had to register for the draft
 - ✗ Selective Service Act 1917
 - ✗ Women in the armed forces
 - ✗ Segregated units for African Americans
 - ✗ Other Effects
 - ✗ Convoy system
- 15  **FIGHTING THE WAR**
 - ✗ Bolshevik Revolution creates one-front war
 - ✗ U.S. Operations in France
 - ✗ American Expeditionary Force (AEF) – John J. Pershing
 - ✗ Victory over Germany (Final Drive)
 - ✗ Casualties / Types of warfare
 - ✗ Resource: [Allied Victory](#)
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- 17  **SOCIAL CHANGES DURING WAR**
 - ✗ Types of sacrifices endured by Americans
 - ✗ Nativism returns!
 - + Already discussed Espionage and Sedition Acts
 - + Leads to later immigration restriction 1921-1924
 - ✗ African Americans support the war effort
 - ✗ Great Migration
 - ✗ Women in the War → 19th Amendment
 - ✗ Prohibition (18th Amendment)
 - ✗ Flu Epidemic
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- 19  **THE FOURTEEN POINTS**
 - ✗ (Copy posted to BroachWeb)
 - ✗ Delivered to Congress: Jan. 8, 1918
 - ✗ Germans surrender Nov. 11, 1918: look to 14 points as saving grace
 - ✗ “Peace without victory”
 - ✗ Know the significant points
- 20  **PEACE NEGOTIATIONS**
 - ✗ Wilson the prophet?
 - ✗ First sitting President to go to Europe

- ✘ Paris Conference: Big Four (Orlando, Lloyd George, Clemenceau, Wilson)
- ✘ League Covenant
- ✘ Final Treaty of Versailles
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RATIFICATION FIGHT

- ✘ Isolationism and criticism of treaty
- ✘ Henry Cabot Lodge
- ✘ Wilson's Speaking Tour 1919
- ✘ William Borah & Hiram Johnson
- ✘ President's Collapse – Sept. 1919
- ✘ Lodge Reservations
- ✘ Treaty rejected Nov. 1919; Mar. 1920

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END OF GREAT HOPES?

- ✘ Solemn Referendum 1920
- ✘ Election of 1920: Warren Harding & Calvin Coolidge (R) vs. James Cox & Franklin Roosevelt
- ✘ Failure of the Treaty = Rise of Adolf Hitler in Germany

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POSTWAR PROBLEMS

Preview of the next unit...

- ✘ Demobilization
- ✘ The Red Scare – A. Mitchell Palmer
- ✘ Sacco and Vanzetti
- ✘ Strikes of 1919
- ✘ Race Riots