

1  **The World War I Era**
Chapter 19

American History

2  **Our Unit Plan**

- I have decided to use a different PowerPoint for this unit. Therefore, it does not exactly follow the order of the textbook (for example, section #'s different)
- However, we will still use the textbook as the framework for our class discussions.
- Homework – Read, Study! (You are invited to post on the discussion board)

3  **Causes of World War I in Europe**

- 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
- [Europe at Start of WW I](#)

4  **Lethal Technology: Modern War**

- Young people joined to be heroes
- Machine guns, grenades, artillery shells, poison gas, and TANKS!!!
- “no-man’s land”
- War soon became war of attrition

5  **American Response to War**

- Immigrants have ties to old world
- Most favor Allies – WHY?
 - British link: culture, language, etc.
 - Autocracy of Kaiser Wilhelm
- US declares neutrality
- Preparedness (Natl. Sec. League)
- Peace movement

6  **Problems with neutrality**

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8  **US Declaration of War**

- April 2, 1917: Wilson asks for war
- Reasons for US entry
 - German refusal to respect neutrality
 - US had financially supported Allies
 - Economic reasons
 - British propaganda: hun-haters
 - Brink of greatness?
 - Dr. Wilson’s idealism

9  **War Front: Americans in Europe**

10  **As Members of the Great War**

- Convoy system
- Doughboys: US infantrymen
- Pershing does not integrate US troops with Allies – saved for offensive campaign
- African Americans: segregated units, no combat, hoped for civil rights (ex: 369th Infantry)

11  **New Factors in the War**

- Russia’s withdrawal – now a one-front war
- June 3rd, Germans almost to Paris
- USMC arrived & saved Paris!
- Allied counteroffensive
- Kaiser is exiled, armistice signed: November 11th, 1918
- Resource: [Allied Victory](#)

12  **The Deadly Toll of War**

- 50,000 Americans died in battle
- Europeans: 8 million soldiers, or more? (exact count is difficult)
- 20 million European civilians killed

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14  ***The Home Front: Support the Effort***

- Liberty Bonds to fund the war
- War Industries Board (Baruch)
- Fuel Administration
- National War Labor Board (Taft)
- Food Administration (H. Hoover)
- Government regulation
- Made possible by propaganda

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Controlling Hearts and Minds

- George Creel – Committee on Public Information
- “Hun-hatred”: anything German
- Civil Liberties: Espionage Act of 1917 and Sedition Act of 1918
 - *Schenck v. US* (1919): Declared that civil liberties could be restricted if there was a “clear and present danger” to safety
- Eugene Debs jailed (socialist)
- Industrial Workers of the World (Wobblies)

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Cultural and Social Changes

- Patriotism and War Fever
- African Americans and Mexican Americans recruited for factories
- 40,000 women joined the industrial work force
- Grain needed to make bread for overseas – 18th Amendment: Prohibition

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Wilson’s Vision for the Peace

- The Fourteen Points
- End of secret alliances; restore freedom of seas, respect for native populations
- Self-Determination
- League of Nations to secure world peace
- Makes Wilson a hero in Europe

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Paris Peace Conference

- Big Four: Clemenceau, Orlando, Lloyd George, Wilson
- Allies wanted rewards and humiliation of Germany
- Wilson had to make compromises
- Russian distraction
- Did secure League of Nations

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The Treaty of Versailles


- French control of Alsace-Lorraine
- UK insert reparations for Germany at \$33 billion
- Colonies, Middle East divided
- League of Nations present
- Presented May 7, 1919 (Germans refused); signed June 28, 1919

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Ratification Fight

- “Irreconcilables” opposed treaty
- Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge: the “Lodge Reservations”
- Wilson goes on nation-wide campaign to gain support
- Wilson has a stroke – returns to White House to recover
- Treaty failed to win approval

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23  ***Post-War Adjustments***

- Rapid demobilization
- Men return to workforce – jobs?
- Post-War Despair?
- Blacks do not gain civil rights as originally hoped

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