

World War I

I. Initial Neutrality

1. American Neutrality
2. Wilson issues neutrality proclamation on August 4, 1914.
3. By 1917, U.S. became a major supplier of Allied munitions, food, and raw materials.

II. Submarine Crisis: Road to War in Europe

1. 1915, Germans began use of U-Boats→ submarines
2. Attack unarmed British passenger ships.
3. *Lusitania*-British liner sunk off the coast of Ireland on May 7, 1915.
4. *Arabic* is sunk
5. "Arabic Pledge"—Germans will not attack unarmed passenger vessels.

Submarine Crisis: Road to War in Europe (cont'd)

6. The *Sussex* Pledge (Ultimatum)
 1. March 24, 1916—unarmed French steamer torpedoed but not sunk
 2. 7 American injured.
 3. The pledge was: If ALL U-boat attacks on ALL ships did not stop, Wilson would sever all German relations.

Submarine Crisis: Road to War in Europe (cont'd)

7. Jan. 31, 1917-Germany would sink all ships, belligerent or neutral
8. Germany→cut off the flow of supplies to the Allies.
9. Feb.3, 1917—U.S. ends diplomatic relations with Germany
10. U.S. merchant ships were sunk.

Submarine Crisis: Road to War in Europe (cont'd)

11. Zimmerman Telegram
12. U.S. receives it Feb. 24, 1917
13. Mex.→U.S.
14. TX, NM, and AZ would then be returned to Mex.
15. March 1, 1917-Released to the American public; war with Germany was necessary.

III. Impact of the War at Home

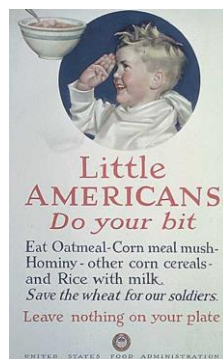
1. Wilson :“War to end all Wars”
2. Jan. 1918—Wilson announces Fourteen Points.
3. “Peace without victory”
 - a. Abolish secret treaties,
 - b. Freedom of the seas and trade
 - c. Arms reduction,
 - d. End of colonization

Impact of the War at Home (cont'd)

4. 14th Point—Wilson considered the most important
5. Called of a “general association of nations” to preserve the peace (League of Nations)

Impact of the War at Home (cont'd)

7. *Committee of Public Information*—by George Creel
8. Propaganda
9. *Food Administration*—Herbert Hoover
10. Reduce consumption
 1. “Meatless Mondays”
 2. “Victory Gardens”



11. *War Industries Board*
12. Production, wages, and prices of manufactured goods
13. Raising the Army?
14. *Selective Service Act, 1917*
15. Conscription of males into military

Impact of the War at Home (cont'd)

16. Civil Liberties?
17. Germans; Anti-war protestors
18. *Espionage & Sedition Acts*
19. *Schenck v. U.S.*
20. Congress could limit free speech in wartimes

IV. Negotiating Peace

1. European powers wanted revenge!
2. *League of Nations*
3. Article X
 1. *Henry Cabot Lodge*
4. *U.S. never ratifies T.O.V*
5. *U.S. does not join League*

