

World War I: U.S. Entry and the Homefront

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Station 1: Causes of World War 1

Define each bold term below and then briefly summarize how it led to World War 1

Militarism

Alliances

Use the map next to “Mutual Defense Alliances” to list the members of the two major WWI alliances:

- **Central Powers:**
- **Triple Entente (aka Allied Powers):**

Imperialism

Nationalism

Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand

Station 2: America on the Sidelines

What is this document? Who is its author and what is his position? Who is the intended audience? When was it published?

What reason does Woodrow Wilson give for why it might be difficult for Americans to remain impartial during WWI?

In the second paragraph, what does President Wilson say Americans should put first?

Based on this document, what was the United States’ official policy at the outbreak of WWI in 1914?

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After watching the videos for this station, explain Germany's strategy of **unrestricted submarine warfare**. What was it and what did Germany hope to accomplish through this tactic?

What ship was torpedoed by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland in May 1915? How many Americans were killed in the attack?

Station 3: The US enters WWI

According to Document A, what was Germany warning that it would do to British ships and the ships of Britain's allies that entered the waters surrounding the British Isles?

According to Document D, what was happening to American ships from 1916 to 1918?

Based on Document D, when did America enter WWI?

Read Document B. Which country sent this telegram in 1917 and which country was the recipient?

Summarize the proposal in the **Zimmerman Telegram**.

Based on the documents and video at this station, what **two actions** taken by Germany led to the United States entering WW1 in 1917?

Based on these documents, which alliance did the U.S. likely join in 1917, the Central Powers or the Allied Powers? Why do you say that?

Station 4: Women During WWI

Based on Document A, what jobs did American women fill as men went off to war?

Based on Document A, why would American women be encouraged to grow their own food in "**Victory Gardens**" during WWI?

Although women were not allowed to enlist as soldiers in WWI, what types of noncombat military roles did women serve in according to Document B?

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According to Document C, what long term impact did women's contributions to the war effort in WWI have? (i.e. what did it lead to?)

Station 5: African-Americans in WWI

Analyze Document A. What was the **Great Migration**?

What factors caused the **Great Migration**?

Analyze the Document A map. What places did African-Americans migrate to during WWI?

Based on Document C, what did African-Americans that migrated north during WWI often face?

Looking at Document B, how many African Americans were drafted into the military during WWI?

What percentage of those drafted served in combat?

What types of jobs do you think African-Americans did in the Army Services of Supplies units?

How many African-Americans had been commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army by 1917?

Station 6: Socialism and the Red Scare

Who took over the Russian government during WWI and what type of government did they establish?

Define **communism**.

What do you think Americans were afraid of during the "**Red Scare**"?

According to Document B, who founded the Socialist Party of America?

Why was **Eugene Debs** jailed for 10 years during WWI?

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Station 7: Civil Liberties During WWI

Using Document A, what were the **Espionage and Sedition Acts**?

What Amendment and right did this law obviously violate?

Based on Document B, who was Charles Schenck and why was he jailed under the **Espionage and Sedition Acts**?

What did the Supreme Court rule in the case of *Schenck v US*?

Based on Document C, describe several ways that Americans showed their anti-German sentiment during WWI.

Station 8: Wilson's 14 Points Plan and the Treaty of Versailles

Who authored the "**14 Points Plan**" and what was its purpose?

Explain 3 suggestions that Wilson offered in his plan for maintaining peace after WWI.

Explain the concept of the **League of Nations**.

What was the name of the treaty that ended WWI and when was it signed?

Who was not allowed to participate in the negotiations?

Which nation was punished harshly by the Treaty of Versailles? Explain how this nation was punished. (Be detailed)

The U.S. did not sign the Treaty of Versailles. Why?

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