



World War I

1914-1918



Lesson Objectives

Explain the causes and consequences of U.S. involvement in World War I.

After initial neutrality in World War I, the nation entered the conflict, departing from the U.S. foreign policy tradition of noninvolvement in European affairs, in response to Woodrow Wilson's call for the defense of humanitarian and democratic principles.

Although the American Expeditionary Forces played a relatively limited role in combat, the United States' entry helped to tip the balance of the conflict in favor of the Allies.

Despite Wilson's deep involvement in postwar negotiations, the U.S. Senate refused to ratify the Treaty of Versailles or join the League of Nations.



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Thought Questions

- How did each of the Progressive Presidents approach American foreign policy?
 - a. Roosevelt
 - b. Taft
 - c. Wilson
- What were the four major root causes for World War I?
- What were three reasons why the United States would become involved in World War I?
- What made World War I a deadly modern conflict?
- What role would the United States play in World War I?
- Why did the United States not ratify the Treaty of Versailles, or join the League of Nations?