

World War I

Outcome: Events Prior to U.S. Entry



1. U.S. Position: _____

a. President _____ encouraged neutrality in “_____ & _____”

b. Neutrality Problems

i. U.S. traded w/ _____ sides, but ties w/ _____ were strongest

1. Common _____, _____, & _____

2. By 1917, U.S. loans to the Allies reached \$ _____ billion

ii. Great Britain spread anti-German _____ to the U.S.

iii. G. Britain blockaded Europe, stopping our trade w/ _____ (famine)

iv. Germany began _____ warfare (violated “_____ of _____”)

1. Attacked ships in _____ ports

2. Declared a “_____” around the British Isles

v. Sinking of the _____ (May 7, 1915)

1. U.S.- _____ relations worsen

2. Germany questioned U.S. _____ & the ship’s _____

3. Ship was loaded with _____ purchased from the _____

4. Wilson demanded in a letter of _____ that Germany end sub _____, & apologize and pay _____ to the families

vi. March 1916: The French ship _____ was sunk w/Americans on board. Germany agreed to the “Sussex Pledge,” a promise to _____ ships before sinking them.

2. Election of 1916

a. (D) Wilson: “_____” and (R) Charles E. Hughes: “_____”

i. Both hand campaigned for _____ & _____

ii. _____ may have hurt (R) chances for victory with pro-war speeches

b. Cliff-hanger: _____ won by 20 electoral votes (CA decided the outcome)

c. Message: Did the citizens of the US _____ to go to _____ despite Wilson??



3. Events to US Entry

a. By 1916, the War in Europe became _____ on both _____

i. Western Front = _____ miles of _____ extending from the English Channel to the _____ Sea (Defended by _____ and _____)

ii. Eastern Front = line defended by _____

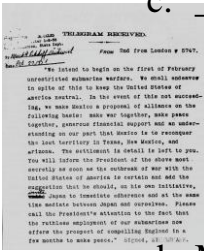
iii. Little progress & high _____ led to frustration on both sides



- b. Germany resumed _____ warfare to break the _____
- Stopped issuing _____; 3 U.S. ships were _____ in one day
 - The Kaiser felt confident the _____ would not enter the war
 - U.S. responded by ending _____ relations w/Germany

c. _____ Note (“_____ Straw”) published on March 1, 1917)

- Letter from Germany to _____ asking for an alliance against the U.S.
- Intercepted and decoded by _____
- _____ -war fever intensified in the U.S.; _____ demanded we enter in the name of _____ - _____. Soon after, _____ more unarmed U.S. ships were sunk.



d. March 1917, _____ surrendered to Germany

e. Wilson asked _____ for a Declaration of _____ on April 2, 1917

- Enemy: German _____, not the German _____
- Wilson: “America must go to war to make the world safe for _____”
- Congress declared war on _____

4. The War in Europe

a. The Allies were _____ in 1917

- In March, 1917 a Russian peoples’ _____ overthrew Czar _____ and a _____ government was set up
- In November 1917, this weak gov’t was overthrown by the _____ led by _____, eventually resulting in a _____ government
- In December, 1917 Russia agreed to an _____ on the _____ Front and withdrew, leaving Germany to fight a 1 front war (All German forces could now be sent to the _____ Front in concentration)

b. June, 1917: 1st U.S. troops arrive in Europe

- A.E.F. = _____ were led by General _____
- By 1918, 2 million U.S. “_____” were in France
- Wilson began plans for _____ based on his _____ Points

