

American History: Chapter 23

Answer the following questions. Be sure to write your answers in complete sentences using proper spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. Be sure to explain your answers as fully as possible. All of these questions will require more than one sentence to be answered well.

1. When and why did World War I begin?
2. Who were the **Central Powers**? Who were the **Allies** (Allied Powers)?
3. Why did many Americans favor a policy of **neutrality** at the outset of World War I?
4. Why did leaders of foreign nations sometimes resent President Wilson's efforts to assist them?
5. How did the development of **trench warfare** lead to a **stalemate** in the fighting in France?
6. How did Great Britain attempt to keep American supplies from reaching the Central Powers? Why "new" weapon did Germany use to keep supplies from reaching the Allies?
7. Both England and Germany violated American rights to "freedom of the seas," yet Americans were more angry with Germany than with England over this issue. Why?
8. Why did the Zimmerman Note alarm many Americans?
9. What did President Wilson mean by his statement, "The world must be made safe for democracy"?
10. Why was the Selective Service Act of 1917 passed?
11. How did the U.S. contribute to the Allied victory over the Central Powers?
12. What was the name of President Wilson's plan for peace?
13. What was the name of the treaty that ended World War I for most of the nations involved?
 - b. Who did this treaty force to accept blame for causing the war?
 - c. What were **reparations**?
14. President Wilson had hoped for "peace without victory." And yet, in the end, he agreed to the **Treaty of Versailles**, a document which was very different from his **Fourteen Points**. It punished Germany severely and helped the victors at the expense of the Central Powers. Why?