

- World War I is massive carnage
  - A third of England's male population is killed.
- Assassination of Archduke
  - Happens because driver takes a wrong turn and ends up in front of one of the assassins.
- War breaks out in Europe
  - United States remains noncaring - declares neutrality.
  - Then, May 1915 brings the sinking of the Lusitania
    - \* German embassy gives a warning to all travellers that going on this ship will be a risk.
    - \* Then the ship is sunk
  - The Arabic is sunk sometime later
    - \* Germany had given its U-boat commanders a secret order to not sink large passenger ships
    - \* Germany then issues publically the Arabic Pledge after the incident.
      - Will not sink large nonmilitary ships without 30 minutes warning.
  - Germany agrees to end this U-boat warfare under the condition that the US gets the embargo on nonmilitary goods lifted (i.e. food)
  - Opposition to the war lead by progressives
  - US Economy booms due to the war
    - \* Most of the exports by a large margin go to Great Britain and France
    - \* Essentially 100:1 by 1916
  - Wilson runs his 1916 campaign on the issue of keeping the US out of war.
    - \* He wins the election because of it
  - Wilson tries to arbitrate an end to the war
    - \* Gets nowhere, partially because some of the powers smell victory
  - After that, he tries to get people to accept a peace without victory - makes sense
    - \* Doesn't get anywhere either
  - African Americans serve about as much as whites in the war