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Honors History I

The War to end War

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* Intro
  + America Entered the war because germany attacking american ships would lose them money
* War by Act of Germany
  + America was historically isolationist
  + Zimmerman Note:
    - Arthur Zimmermann, the foreign secretary of war for germany had proposed a german mexican alliance `, telling them they could reclaim texas new mexico and arizona
    - Germany sank 4 unarmed ships
    - Wilson branded America as “making the world safe for democracy”
* Wilsons Fourteen Potent Points
  + Fourteen Points Address
    - Caused him to be seen as a:
      * Visionary
      * Moral Leader
    - Fourteen Points
      * First Five
        + A proposal to abolish secret treaties pleased liberals in all countries
        + Freedom of the Seas Appealed to the Germans as well as to Americans who distrusted British Sea Power
        + A Removal of economic barriers among nations had long been the goal of Liberal Internationalists everywhere
        + Reduction of armament burdens was gratifying to taxpayers in all countries
        + An adjustment of colonial claims in interests of both natives peoples and the colonizers was reassuring to anti-imperialists
      * The Rest
        + Deliver Self determination to oppressed minority groups such as:

Poles

Hated by Germany

* Creel Manipulates Minds
  + Committee on Public information
    - Created war propaganda
    - 150,000 workers at home and abroad
      * Sent out half 4 minute men to give speeches
* Enforcing loyalty and Stifling Dissent
  + German Americans were tarred, feathered, and in extreme cases lynched
  + They were discriminated against and accused of espionage, spying, poisoning
  + the water supply and many other similar deeds.
* The Nation's factories go to war
  + Wilson Starts:
    - Civilian Council of National Defense
    - Launched a shipbuilding council
      * Capture German’s attention
      * Prepare for war
    - Blacks filled the spots of white workers
    - Gang violence
* Suffering Until Suffrage
  + Women were a big part of the war effort
    - Women filled the places of men
    - Wilson Endorsed Suffrage as a necessary by part of the war effort
* Forging a war economy:
  + Administrations/Propaganda
    - Food Administration
      * America had to feed itself and allies
      * America did not want to use ration cards which were used heavily in Europe
        + Propaganda Campaign

Save food for export

Wheatless Wednesdays

Meatless Tuesdays

Victory gardens

* + - * Role in Prohibition
        + Congress forbade use of foodstuffs for alcohol
        + Self denial accelerated the wave of prohibition
        + Germans were brewers
        + 1919-18th amendment
    - Fuel Administration
      * Propaganda
        + Heatless Mondays
        + Lightless Nights
        + Gasless Sundays
  + These administrations saved enough to fun 2/3 of the war the rest was funded by taxes
* Making Plowboys into Doughboys
  + American Soldiers:
    - were to receive 6 months training at home and two more overseas
      * Barely Got Any Training
    - Draft Act Required Registration of all malles between ages of eighteen and forty 5
    - Men were not allowed to purchase exemption
      * 337,000 slackers escaped the freaft, 4,000 objectors were excused
    - African Americans served in segregated units
* Fighting in France--Belatedly
  + Berlin Predicted
    - they would knock out Britain six months after start of total submarine warfare-they were right
  + Americans took one year to get there first shipment over to France
* America Helps Hammer the Hun
  + 30,000 American Men arrived for the breach of chateau Tharry and were enthusiastic
  + 250,000 American Men for the 2nd and last offensives
  + Cut German Railroad lines feeding western front
  + Most African Americans did not fight
  + When African Americans received a gold star, there mothers were given different hotel rooms, different food, and had to take a different train, some mothers stayed at home to retain honor.
* An Idealist battles the imperialist paris
  + Paris Conference:
    - Wilson: Richest and freshest power occupied the “Drivers seat”
    - Vittorio Orlando of Italy
    - David Lloyd George of Great Britain
    - Georges Clemenceau of France 78, “Organizer of Victory”
  + League of Nations
    - Wilson Begged on his death bed