

Ch. 12-5

* Wilson = President (democrat)

- Addresses Congress
 - Delivers a speech becomes known as his Fourteen Points Speech
 - Outlines his goals for developing world peace
 - Key elements of the 14 points
 - No secret alliances around the world
 - Each nation will have the right to decide it's own government (self-determination)
 - Free world trade (countries would be able to trade with anyone they want)
 - Freedom of the seas (ships should be able to travel the seas without fear of being attacked)
- Wilson travels to Paris to negotiate, WWI Peace Treaty
 - Europeans hail Wilson as a world HERO! We were the deciding forces that saved Europe from German defeat.
 - Big 4 meet (Allies-Russia)
 - U.S., Great Britain, France, Italy
 - Wilson's goal is to restore peace in Europe
 - No blame would be placed
 - No penalties handed out (no punishments)
 - European nations want revenge!
 - Europe suffered millions of deaths
 - Country totally destroyed
 - Very upset, bitter, and mad about their treatment during the war and want revenge.
 - Talks break down, Wilson's popularity is decreasing in Europe with the other members of the BIG 4.
 - Wilson wants a League of Nations created
 - League of Nations is referred to as Article #10 (X)
 - All nations of the world would unite and form an alliance.
 - An attack on any member nation would force all members to attack that aggressive country.
 - Wilson's popularity at home is decreasing.
- Peace Treaty procedures in America
 - President's negotiate treaties
 - The Senate votes to approve negotiated treaties
 - U.S. Senate rejects the peace treaty negotiated by Wilson because of the Article #10.
 - We don't want a European conflict to pull us into a war.
- Treaty of Versailles
 - Ends WW I for the Allies, U.S. does NOT approve the peace treaty.
 - Negotiated mostly by Wilson, U.S. President.

- Key elements
 - Germany held responsible and must pay back billions of dollars to cover the destruction. (war reparations = payments made by the losers to the “winners”)
 - Germany can NOT have a military.
 - Germany can NOT have people living in the Rhineland (area along the French border)
 - League of Nations was created
 - The U.S. will NOT join because of the League of Nations (Article X)
- End of the War at Home
 - Economy is doing very well because Industries are producing at maximum levels.
 - Massive selling to Europe because European factories aren't producing.
 - Troops begin to return in massive waves.
 - Women and minorities hold jobs that were once held by the soldiers prior to WWI.
 - Employers begin “firing” women and minorities so returning soldiers have a job.
 - Economy decreases the soar in the economy.