The U. S. in WWI

Section 26.4: The War Ends
German U-Boats and Submarine Warfare

- U.S. will trade with either side
- Britain enforces naval blockade of Germany
- Germany responds with unrestricted submarine warfare
  - Germany targets merchant ships heading to or from Britain
  - May 1915 Germany sinks Lusitania (1200 passengers including 120 Americans on Board)
  - America complains and Germany stops but resumes submarine warfare in 1917.
Zimmerman Note

- February 1917, U.S. discovers a message from Arthur Zimmermann to Mexico.
- Germany offers Mexico states of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, if Mexico attacks the U.S.
- Americans outraged; U.S. enters on the Allied side in April 1917
End of the War

• Germany tries a final offensive to end the war before U.S. troops can tip the balance
• March 1918 Germany launches offensive and gets within 40 miles of Paris.
• Allied forces win the second battle of the Marne
• November 11\textsuperscript{th}, 1918 WW I is over.
Differing Allied Goals

• Woodrow Wilson’s 14 points.
  – Reduction of military forces
  – Self Determination for all nations
  – League of Nations
• French (Georges Clemenceau) want to punish Germany
  – War Reparations
• Britain (David Lloyd George) in the middle because they fear the spread of Communism
• Italy seeks territory from Austria
Treaty of Versailles

- Germany assumes responsibility for the war
- War Reparations
- Germany loses all colonies
- Germany returns conquered lands
- Restrictions on the size of German military (esp. navy, but not the air force)
- Some German territory lost
- League of Nations formed
Aftermath of the War

- Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire Broken apart
- Mandated territory
  - Lebanon & Syria to France
  - Palastine & Iraq to Britain
- Balfour Declaration
  - Favors a Zionist state in Israel
Costs of the War

• 9 million soldiers dead (40 million Casualties)
  – 13 million civilians died
• Influenza epidemic of 1918 kills 50 million people worldwide
• Economic Chaos in France, Russia & Germany
  – $332 Billion dollars
• Monarchies in Austria-Hungary, Russia, Germany & Ottoman Empire overthrown
• Unrest in colonial possessions