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**Ch. 21 – US as a World Power**

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**Ch. 23 – World War I**

# Vocabulary Terms:

**World War I -** In this chapter you will learn how an assassination in Europe sparked the deadliest war the world had ever seen. You will find out how the US was drawn into the fighting and will read about new battle strategies, such as trench warfare.

Militarism

Archduke Francis Ferdinand

Central Powers

Allied Powers

trench warfare

stalemate

U-boats

Lusitania

Zimmerman Note

Selective Service Act

Liberty bonds

American Expeditionary Force

Communists

Battle of the Marne

Harlem Hellfighters

armistice

Fourteen Points

League of Nations

self-determination

reparations

Big Four

Treaty of Versailles

Henry Cabot Lodge

**(2) Americans Prepare for War –** After entering WWI in 1917, Americans began the massive effort of preparing for war.

**(3) Americans in WWI –**

American troops helped the Allies achieve victory in WWI.

**(4) Establishing Peace –**

The US and the victorious Allied Powers clashed over postwar plans.

**(1) The Road to War –**

In 1914 tensions in Europe exploded into the deadliest war the world had ever seen.

* American soldiers started to arrive in Europe in 1917.
* The Americans helped the Allies win the war.
* Germany agreed to an armistice after suffering heavy losses.
* Many factors contributed to the outbreak of WWI.
* European nations suffered massive casualties in the war’s early battles.
* The costs of war included millions of human lives as well as financial burdens.
* Pres. Wilson and European leaders met to work out a peace agreement.
* The US Senate rejected the treaty of Versailles.
* The US entered the war after repeated crises with Germany.
* The US mobilized for war by training troops and stepping up production of supplies.
* Labor shortages created new opportunities for women and other Americans.

Objective Questions:

1. What were the causes of WWI in Europe?
2. What reasons did the US have for joining the war on the side of the Allies?
3. Name and explain the importance of two new weapons that were used in WWI?