

THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES AND DEBATE OVER THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

I. The End of World War I

A. The world was transformed by World War I:

1. _____ million soldiers and civilians had died; _____ million were wounded; _____ million became refugees
2. European _____, towns, and farms were _____
3. The war cost an estimated \$ _____ and massive funds were needed to rebuild Europe

B. Wilson's Fourteen Points

1. When World War I ended, U.S. President _____ believed that America should take a _____ in shaping the _____ process
2. Near the end of the war, Wilson developed a peace plan called the _____:
 - a. His peace plan was based on eliminating the _____ (militarism, imperialism)
 - b. Wilson hoped to avoid all _____ by creating an international organization to discuss and _____ problems

WILSON'S FOURTEEN POINTS	MAIN IDEA
1. There shall be no private international understandings of any kind but diplomacy shall proceed in the public view	
2. Absolute freedom of the seas in peace and in war 3. The removal of all economic barriers and the equality of trade among all nations	
4. Adequate guarantees that national armaments will be reduced to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety	
5. An impartial adjustment of all colonial claims, with respect to the native of the populations as well as the government whose title is to be determined	
6. The evacuation of Russian territory and the independent determination by Russia of its own national policies 7. Belgium must be evacuated and restored, without any attempt to limit the sovereignty which she enjoys in common with all other free nations. 8. All French territory should be freed, invaded portions restored, the wrong done to France by Germany by taking Alsace-Lorraine should be righted 9. A readjustment of the frontiers of Italy should be effected along clearly recognizable lines of nationality 10. The peoples of Austria-Hungary should be accorded the freest opportunity to autonomous development. 11. Rumania, Serbia, and Montenegro should be evacuated; occupied territories restored; Serbia accorded free and secure access to the sea 12. The Turkish portion of the Ottoman Empire should be given sovereignty and the Dardanelles should be opened as a free passage to all nations 13. An independent Polish state should be erected and should be assured a free and secure access to the sea	
14. A general association of nations must be formed to guarantees the independence and territorial integrity to great and small states alike.	

3. President Wilson's Fourteen Points contained three main themes:

- a. Points 1-5 focused on creating new _____ that would eliminate future _____
 - i. No more _____ or _____
 - ii. Reduction of _____
 - iii. Freedom of the seas and _____
 - iv. International control over colonies to end _____
- b. Points 6-13 focused on dividing weak _____ like Austria-Hungary and Ottoman Empire into new nations based on _____
 - i. Wilson believed that new nations should have _____ drawn with consideration to ethnic and _____ identities
 - ii. He wanted new nations to be free to choose their own _____
- c. Point 14 focused on creating a _____ to settle all future international problems by _____ rather than by war

AKS 44C: EXPLAIN WILSON'S FOURTEEN POINTS, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, AND THE POLITICAL FIGHT OVER THE VERSAILLES TREATY