

Overview

Have you ever felt threatened by a person? How did you react? When you feel pressured, how do you make important decisions? These three questions give you a sense of how America was feeling in the summer of 1914 as Europe erupted into “The Great War” later to be called World War I. Would President Woodrow Wilson be able to keep us from the conflict or would we be threatened and pulled into the conflict?

Purpose

In this unit, we are going to learn why and how the European conflict pulled America into their affairs. In addition, you will experience how America’s government officials made decisions about the looming war.

Essential Questions

- ü What were the causes and effects of WWI?
- ü What **factors, goals, and methods** were used by America prior, during and after WWI?
- ü How do you make difficult decisions?

Skills Covered

- ü **Note Taking**
- ü **Map skills**
- ü **Analyzing**
- ü **Evaluating**
- ü **Text book reading**

Procedure

1. Introduce Unit
2. Assign text homework.
3. Lecture/ discuss World War I with emphasis on causes and effects
4. What is the process of decision making?
5. WWI scenario or Trench warfare
6. Three Column notes--skill
7. Treaty of Versailles--negotiations
7. Test on WWI