



Unit Two

U.S. Foreign Policy through the Great War

U.S. History

Unit Length and Description:

5 weeks

This unit focuses on using historical thinking skills to examine the transition in United States foreign policy from isolationism to internationalism from the late nineteenth century until the end of World War I.

Standards:

Standard 1: Historical Thinking Skills

US.1.1	Produce clear and coherent writing for a range of tasks, purposes and audiences
US.1.3	Propose and defend a specific point of view on a contemporary or historical issue and provide supporting evidence to justify that position.
US.1.5	Analyze historical periods using timelines, political cartoons, maps, graphs, debates, and other historical sources.

Standard 3: Isolationism through the Great War

US.3.1	Analyze the causes of U.S. imperialistic policies and describe both the immediate and long term consequences upon newly acquired territories
US.3.2	Describe the influence of U.S. imperialistic foreign policies upon Latin America and the Pacific region
US.3.3	Describe the root causes of World War I and evaluate the reasons for U.S. entry into the war
US.3.4	Explain how the U.S. government financed WWI, managed the economy, and directed public support for the war
US.3.5	Analyze how key military leaders, innovations in military technology, and major events affected the outcome of WWI
US.3.6	Describe the goals of political leaders at the Paris Peace Conference and analyze the consequences of the Treaty of Versailles

Enduring Understandings- Compelling Question:

- How can a world conflict redefine how a nation identifies itself?

Essential Questions- Supporting Question:

- To what extent does a nation foreign policy play a role within the nation's identity?

- How did World War I re-define America socially, economically, and politically?

- How did the Spanish-American War play a role within the development of the United States as a World Power?
- To what extent to politics play a role within the development of our national identity?
- How did the causes of World War I help redefine our nation?