

# Chapter 10 – Section 5



Global Peacemaker

# Wilson's Fourteen Points

- \* President Wilson's 14 ideas of **how to keep the peace after the war** was over



# What did they say?

- \* **Get rid of individual alliances**
- \* **Reduce the amount of weapons**



# Self-determination

- \* Wilson said all people should have the power to **make decisions about their own future** (ethnic groups in Austria-Hungary)



# Different Ideas



- \* America's European allies did not share Wilson's enthusiasm for his 14 Points
- \* While Wilson and Germany hoped these points would form the basis of peace negotiations, our **European allies had other ideas**

# Punishment

- \* **France wanted Germany totally humiliated, if not destroyed all together, so that they would never invade again**
- \* **They wanted much harsher treatment of Germany since they were more directly affected (U.S. didn't have civilians killed or our cities destroyed)**



# Spoils of War

- \* **Territory and money taken from the war's loser**
- \* Other Allies in Europe wanted Germany's colonies divided up
- \* U.S. and Russia did not want any spoils



# The League of Nations

- \* Wilson's idea for an organization in which **nations of the world would join to ensure peace for all members**

LEAGUE OF NATIONS



SOCIÉTÉ DES NATIONS



# New Nations Created



- \* **World War I led to the creation of several new European nations**
- \* **Finland**, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and **Poland** were carved out of Russia
- \* At peace conference **Czechoslovakia** and **Yugoslavia** were carved out of Austria-Hungary (both broke apart in the 1990's)

# Opposition to the League

- \* Congress and **many Americans opposed membership** in the league
- \* **They feared we would get dragged into wars** because “an attack on one nation would be regarded as an attack on all”



# Versailles Treaty

- \* Officially ended the war
- \* Signed at the former home of French kings
- \* Though they disagreed with its terms, **Germany had no choice but to sign it** or face a threatened French invasion if they refused



# Reparations

- \* **Payment the loser has to pay to make up for losses of property and life suffered by the winners**
- \* Germany couldn't afford the \$33 billion
- \* **This debt would set the stage for WWII**
- \* Germany never forgot or forgave this humiliation



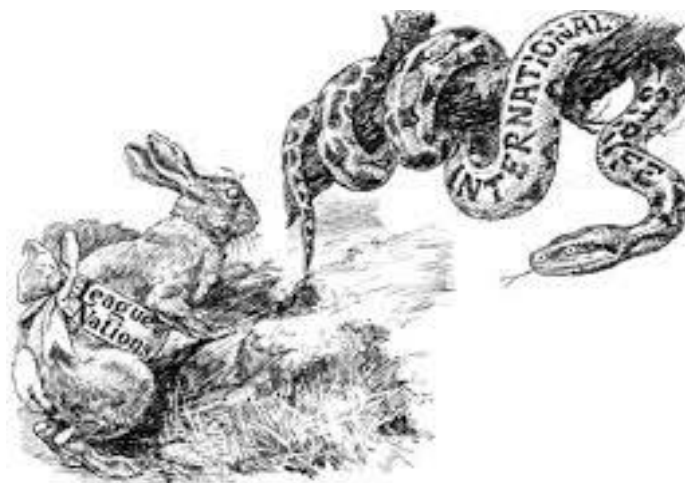
# The Decline of Wilson

- \* As President Wilson toured the U.S. trying to “sell” the League of Nations to the American people he **suffered a stroke** which paralyzed one side of his body
- \* He remained an invalid for the rest of his term in office



# Failure of the League

- \* **The U.S. never joined the League of Nations**
- \* The Senate voted against it because they didn't want to be committed to helping again



# Returning Soldiers

- \* **4,000 soldiers returned home daily**
- \* With the war over industry slowed down and there was **less work available**
- \* Women who had taken men's jobs were fired



# War good for the Economy?

- \* Despite the loss of lives, the **war actually boosted American business** and helped the U.S. become the world's largest **creditor nation** (giving out loans)
- \* Europe owed us a total of \$11.5 billion





# Postwar Gloom

- \* After the patriotism and sense of honor faded away the **realities of the death and destruction hit people hard**



# A “Shameful Land”

- \* W.E.B. DuBois said America was still a shameful land because **despite the heroism of African American soldiers, they were still treated terribly in their own country upon their return** (lynchings continued even of those still in uniform)



# Persuasive Essay

- \* Write a persuasive essay arguing either **For or Against** joining the League of Nations. Make your case for why it would be either a **good idea or bad idea** for America to join.



## **On the Europe in 1914 Side**

Use the map on p.310 in your textbook

Label all of the countries that are labeled on the map  
Choose 3 colors and lightly shade in the *Allied Powers*,  
*Central Powers*, and *Neutral nations*

## **On the Europe in 1918 Side**

use the map on p. 329

Add in all of the nations from the map in the book

Also add the new nations created by WWI and lightly shade  
them a different color