

Module 7: America at the Turn of the Century – 1900 to the 1930s

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Picture: Americans registering for the draft in New York City, 1917



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- Creating a League of Nations;
- Self-determination among nations;
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Picture: President Woodrow Wilson

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In an effort to help prevent future wars the magnitude of World War One, President Wilson created the **Fourteen Points**. He designed these points to eliminate all causes of war, and stop nations from fighting one another. Among the Fourteen Points were ideas such as:

- Ending secret diplomacy;
- Freedom of the seas;
- Creating a League of Nations;
- Self-determination among nations;
- Mandating systems among nations;
- Reducing trade barriers; and
- Reducing the amount of armaments.

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On June 28, 1919 the nations from both sides met at the Palace of Versailles in Paris for peace talks, and to make parameters for the **Treaty of Versailles**. The French and English ignored the Fourteen Points, and wanted the following:

- Punish Germans;
- Reduce Germany's army;
- Reduce Germany's territories;
- Redraw European boundaries; and
- Create new nations.



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On June 28, 1919 the nations from both sides of the war met at the Palace of Versailles in Paris for peace talks, and to make parameters for the **Treaty of Versailles**. The French and English agreed that the Germans should be punished severely for the war. They did not heed Wilson's warning in the Fourteen Points, and demanded Germany pay for the costs of the war. France and England also reduced the size of Germany's army and required them give up some of their territories, including Alsace and Lorraine. In addition, national boundaries in Europe were redrawn, creating new nations like Czechoslovakia and Poland.

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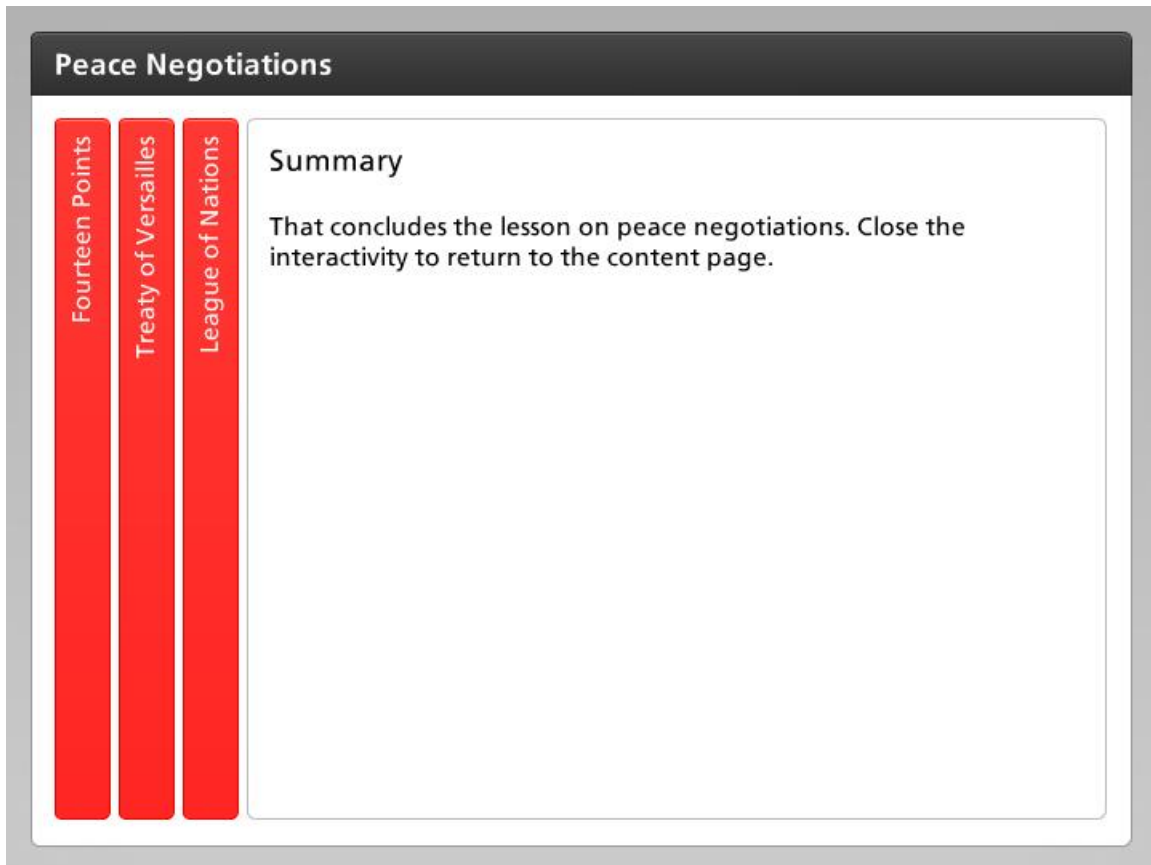
- A group with representatives from each nation who would meet and stop future conflict from turning into a world war;
- Conflict arose in the U.S. Senate about whether to adopt the league.

The **League of Nations** constituted the only part of Wilson's Fourteen Points other nations adopted. The League of Nations would establish a group with representatives from each nation who would meet and stop any future conflict from turning into a world war. When Wilson returned to the United States and presented the League of Nations to the Senate for approval an intense debate began. Opponents to the League of Nations did not like the idea of non-American leaders, making important decisions for the United States. Because Wilson was unwilling to compromise about the League of Nations, the Senate failed to approve the Treaty of Versailles. Thus, the United States did not join the League of Nations. In 1921, after Wilson was no longer President, the United States signed a separate treaty with Germany.

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Summary



The screenshot shows a digital interface for a lesson on peace negotiations. At the top, a dark grey header contains the title "Peace Negotiations" in white. Below the header, there are three vertical red bars on the left side, each containing white text: "Fourteen Points", "Treaty of Versailles", and "League of Nations". To the right of these bars is a large white rectangular area with a thin grey border. Inside this area, the word "Summary" is written in bold black text. Below "Summary", there is a paragraph of text: "That concludes the lesson on peace negotiations. Close the interactivity to return to the content page."

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