

Chapter 21: WWI

- 4 yrs, over 1 mil deaths
Allies aka *Triple Entente*: Britain, France, Russia & U.S.
vs **Central Powers** aka *Triple Alliance*: Germany, Austro-Hungary & Italy
- **Roosevelt**: “*Speak Softly and Carry a Big Stick*”. Mediate conflict w/ Japan & China. Made secret deal w/ Japan – Japan later went back on deal. Roosevelt sent 16 battleships to frighten Japan, known as “*Great White Fleet*”.
- “**Iron Fisted Neighbor**” – **Roosevelt** threatened to use navy, got Germany to withdraw from Venezuela.
- **Roosevelt Corollary**: U.S. had right to oppose European “intervention” & help neighbors of the West -> used on Dominican Republic. U.S. took control of their customs to pay the debt the Dominican Republic owed Europe.
- **Panama Canal – Roosevelt**: Link between Atlantic & Pacific. **Crucial for trade**. Needed permission from Colombia -> U.S. started revolution in Panama. Panama gained independence and gave U.S. permission for canal.
- **Woodrow Wilson**: Crisis in Mexico (at brink of war). **Neutrality**. Citizens opposed. Unpopular decision.
- **Reasons for U.S. joining**:
 - Propaganda made Germans look worse.
 - Trade issues -> Britain wouldn't let U.S. trade with Germany.
 - Germany sank **Lusitania** w/ 128 U.S. citizens. Germany attacked **Sussex steamer ship** injuring U.S. passengers. Germany torpedoed 3 American ships.
 - Interception of telegram from Germany to Mexico asked Mexico to rebel & distract U.S.
 - Assassination of Arch Duke of Austro-Hungary by Serbia extremist -> Russia joins war.

April 6th, 1917 war declared.

- **Army Draft/Selective Service Act – Wilson:** Troops sent in 1918 -> 8mths later war over.
- **Technology in War:** Technological advances & illness responsible for mass death tolls. Machine guns, trench warfare, tanks, flamethrowers, chemical weapons (agent orange), airplanes, NAVY
- **War Economy:** Liberty Bonds – sold to citizens -> loans to pay for war. Taxes – mostly corporations, as high as 70%. Very expensive war.
- **Council of National Defense & Civilian Advisory Commission & War Industries Board:** coordinate gov. purchases of war supplies. Controlled by Wall Street. → **National War Labor Board:** final mediator. 8hr work days, maintain living standard, equal pay for women & union rights.
- **Committee on Public Info:** gov. supervised media. Propaganda against Germanys.
- **Espionage Act of 1917:** gov. combat spying, sabotage & obstruction of war. Allowed gov. to prosecute anyone who openly opposed gov./president. Result of Red Scare.
- **November 11, 1918 War Ends – Results: Fourteen Points:**
 - **8 points:** new boundaries (replace Ottoman & Austro-Hungarian Empires -> made smaller)
 - **5 principles:**
 1. Freedom of seas
 2. No secret treaties
 3. Smaller armies
 4. Free trade
 5. Mediation over colonial claims
 - **League of Nations**
- **Unstable Economy:** companies go bankrupt. 5mil Americans lose jobs.
 - **Labor Unrest** - Increase strikes. Increase race tension (minorities never got credit for taking part in war & many lost jobs to white men coming back from war).
 - **Red Scare** - “Red Summer” - Russian Revolution -> fear of communism -> riots, bombings & deporting of “spies” (carried no real evidence)

Chapter 22: New Ear (Post WWI)

- **1920s immediately after war -> economic boom:** assembly line = technology. Thriving business = auto & housing.
- Manufacturing output rose 60%, income grew by 1/3.
- **Mass consumer society = success ethic.**
- Still 2/3 people lived no better than "*minimum comfort*".

- **Welfare Capitalism:** paternalistic employers, shortened work weeks, raised wages, paid vacations, pensions, "*company unions*", **only worked when economy prospered.**
 - Open Shops: employees not required to join unions.
 - Closed Shops: employees required to join unions.

- Unions only benefited **skilled workers** (mostly white men).
- **Brotherhood of Sleep Car Posters:** first union for African Americans. Held unskilled jobs (ex: dishwashers, janitors, garbage collectors, etc.)

- Society values changed -> modern, losing traditional values.
 - Flappers -> Margaret Sanger & Planned Parenthood (established because of fear of modern values – big families led to crime & poverty)
 - Opposed prohibition.

- Society became **less** tolerated, racial tension.
 - Debunkers: critics of consumerism & religion. Believed middle class ran economy. Non-conformist.
 - Nativist: Native born Americans, wanted to stop immigration.
 - **National Origins Act:** limit quota, 2%. -> KKK resurgence (largest amt. – Indiana) . "*Hooded Knights on the Niagara*" – *book about KKK in Buffalo area.*
 - **Emergency Immigration Act:** annual quota system -> no more than 3% currently living in U.S.
 - **National Origins Act:** 1924 -> ban immigration from **EAST** to 3%.
 - California passed laws to make it more difficult for Japanese to immigrant + acquire land.
 - Eliminate immigration from Philippines.

- **Modernist** (*Lost Generation. Harlem Renaissance.* War veterans, writers & intellectuals, urban middle class, fit religion into their schedule & accepted modern science) vs **Fundamentalist** (tradition & literal interpretation of bible)