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Unit I: WWI Review Sheet for Exam

Causes of WWI:

 1. Unrestricted Submarine warfare by Germany

 2. Zimmerman Telegram – promised Mexico the southwest of the U.S.

 3. Propaganda

 4. M A I N

War

1. Trench Warfare
2. New weapons: tank, zeppelin, airplane

U.S. Neutrality

 1. Geographic feature that gave illusion of protection?

 2. Wilson’s Famous Slogan “ He Kept Us Out of War “ was challenged by German unrestricted submarine warfare.

Impact on War on the United States:

1. Economy: benefitted, money for war raised through taxes
2. U.S. emerges as a creditor nation, U.S. businesses benefitted from war effort (advertise)
3. African American’s: moved north for jobs leaving Jim Crow South
4. Women: working in wartime industries won support for Suffrage Movement
5. Committee on Public Information: wrote propaganda against Germany

Treaty of Versailles

1. Wilson’s 14 Points – set goals for achieving peace after WWI
2. Participants: Wilson, Clemenceau, Lloyd George no Kaiser
3. League of Nations: Article X of the Treaty calling for a collective security agreement among its members. If one was attacked they all would defend it.
4. Wilson: Join the League/Create World Peace/International Peacekeeping Force/Without the U.S. the League would not work
5. Reservations: wanted to pass treaty without League
6. Irreconcilables: Henry Cabot Lodge – Isolationist in the Senate opposed to League because: Would pull U.S. into European Wars/Violated U.S. sovereignty to decide on whether we enter war/Violated George Washington tradition of neutrality.

Domestic Factors Influencing Decision to not Join League:

1. Labor Unrest: workers go on strike and its blamed on Bolsheviks
2. Race Riots at Home: The Great Migration of blacks from down south up to northern factory cites creates racial unrest
3. Red Scare: Fear of Socialism and Bolshevism in America due to Russian Revolution
4. Spanish Flu Epidemic

Impact of Treaty of Versailles

1. Germany: takes full blame for war, huge war reparations led to failure of the Peace settlement
2. U.S. does not join League:
3. “The Seeds of World War II were sown earlier in the 20th century” Explain

WWI peace settlement created bitterness and resentment