

AMERICA IN WWI

Getting to Europe

- ① American troops had to travel to Europe by boat
- ① No American troopships were sunk on the way to Europe
- ① Groups of ships called convoys were protected from submarines by surrounding warships

Russia Leaves the War

- In March of 1917, riots broke out in Russia over the government's handling of the war and food shortages
- Czar Nicholas II, the leader of Russia, gave up power to a temporary government
- Bolsheviks—a group of Communists—took power in Russia led by Vladimir Lenin
- Russia immediately pulled out of the war

Germany Attacks on the Western Front

- In March of 1918, the Germans launched a massive attack along the Western Front
- American troops helped contain the German offensive

Battle of the Argonne Forest

- In September of 1918, American troops began a counterattack at the Argonne Forest in France
- America's top general (Pershing) assembled over 600,000 American troops, and 4,000 artillery pieces for the most massive attack in American history



End of the War

- A revolution in Austria-Hungary happened which distracted it from the war
- There was a rebellion in Berlin and the German emperor had to step down
- Fighting stopped on 11-11-1918 at 11 p.m.
- Germany signed an armistice (a cease-fire agreement)

Treaty of Versailles

- Germany had to pay reparations (war damages) of \$33 billion to the Allies
- Germany was not allowed to have an army
- Germany had to admit it was guilty of starting WWI

The Treaty in the United States

- ◉ Wilson had to convince the Senate to ratify the treaty
- ◉ Critics did not want the League of Nations which the treaty would create
- ◉ Why?
 - Feared it would control the United States and force it to fight to keep the peace in other countries

Result in the Senate

- Wilson had a stroke while he was campaigning to get support for the treaty
- The Senate refused to ratify the treaty
- The U.S. entered into separate treaties with each Central Power nation
- League of Nations was formed, but the United States was not a part of it