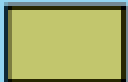




Aim: How should the United States have responded to the outbreak of The Great War, 1914-1916?

- Do Now: Under what circumstances would the United States be justified in getting involved in a conflict between other countries?



- **Neutrality** – policy of not taking sides in a conflict between other countries (treats both sides equally).
- **Washington’s Farewell Address**
 - Maintain commercial relations but stay politically detached.
- ***“The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign nations, is, in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible.”***

-  Allied powers
-  Central powers
-  Neutral countries



World War I

Central Powers

- Germany
- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Ottoman Empire

Allied Powers

- Serbia
- England
- France
- Russia
- Italy
- Japan

The United States and the Great War, (1914-1916)

As a group:

- Read and discuss each of the documents.
- Answer the questions for each document

Discuss:

- Should the U.S. have entered the war before 1917? If so, on which side? Explain.

Questions for Discussion

- What policy did President Wilson proclaim?
- To what extent did the United States actually adhere to this policy?
- To what extent did the war affect the United States?
- Should the United States have entered the war before 1917? If so, on which side?

How should the U.S. Respond?

Woodrow
Wilson





*The US Must
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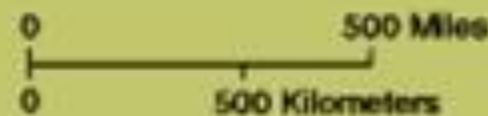
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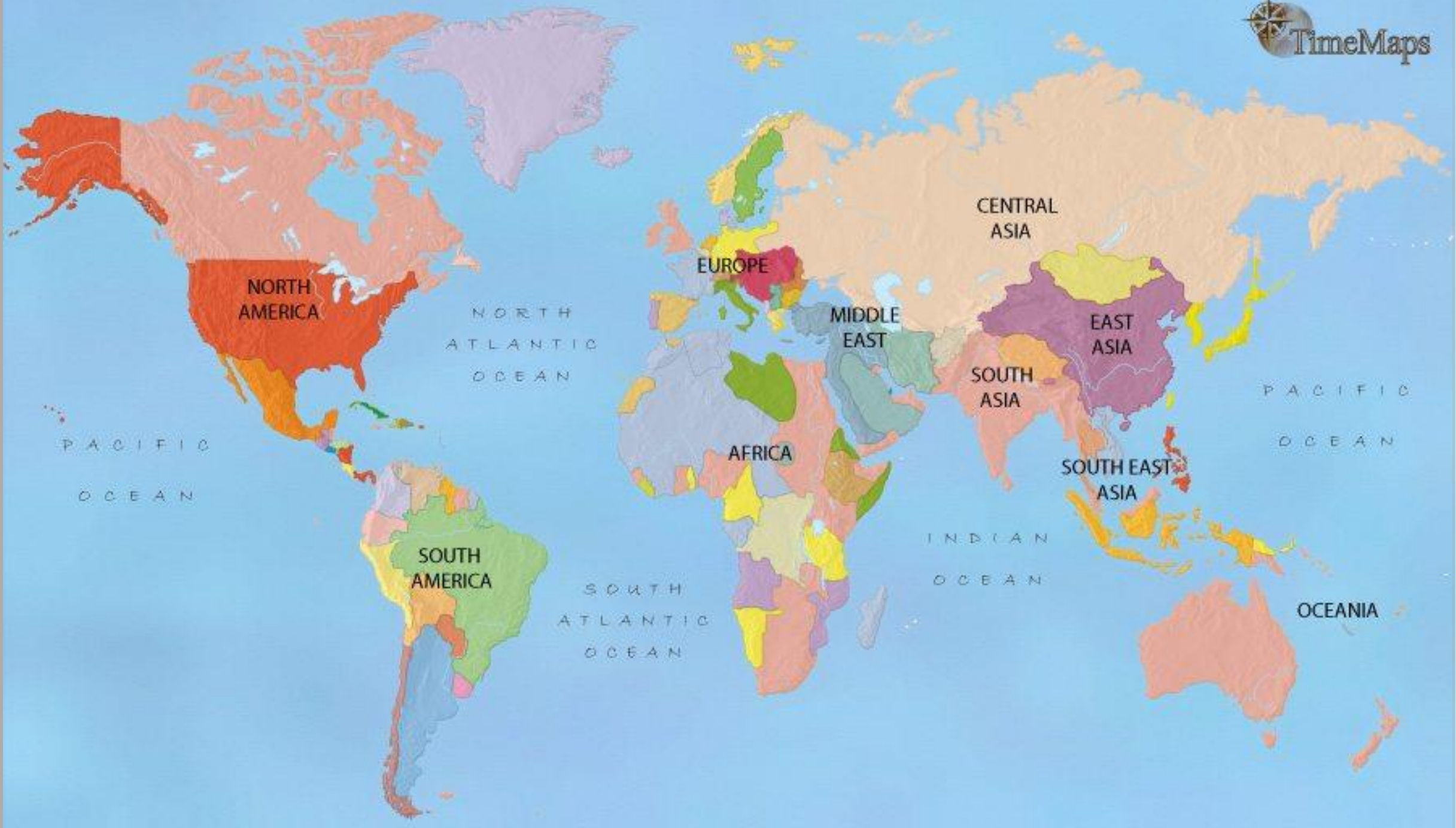
- the isolation by a warring nation of an enemy area (such as a harbor) by troops or warships to prevent passage of persons or supplies

- **Mine** –

- a type of bomb placed on or just below the surface of the ground or in the water that detonates when disturbed by a person, vehicle, or ship.

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Reasons for U.S. entry into World War I

- **Financial Interests**

- American businessmen loaned 1 1/2 billion dollars to the Allies

- **Unrestricted Submarine Warfare**

- Lusitania – British passenger ship 1,198 killed 139 American

- **Zimmerman Telegram**

- German effort to get Mexico to declare war on U.S.

- **“Make World Safe for Democracy”**

- Importance of Russian Revolution