



LESSON 7.1.10 | WATCH | Crash Course US History #30 America in World War I

PURPOSE

In this video, you will learn about American involvement in World War I. You'll see how the United States joined the war and the debate that raged prior to that decision. The video will also illustrate the ways that US involvement sparked greater government involvement in the lives of citizens during the war, and the ways that the war impacted American society for generations to come.

LINK

- [Crash Course US History #30 –America in World War I](#)

Watch the video on your own time, either at home, on your phone, or in the library.

PREVIEW

In which John Green teaches you about American involvement in World War I, which at the time was called the Great War. They didn't know there was going to be a second one, though they probably should have guessed, 'cause this one didn't wrap up very neatly. So, the United States stayed out of World War I at first, because Americans were in an isolationist mood in the early 20th century. That didn't last though, as the affronts piled up and drew the US into the war. Spoiler alert: the Lusitania was sunk two years before we joined the war, so that wasn't the sole cause for our jumping in. It was part of it though, as was the Zimmerman telegram, unrestricted submarine warfare, and our affinity for the Brits. You'll learn the war's effects on the home front, some of Woodrow Wilson's XIV Points, and just how the war ended up expanding the power of the government in Americans' lives.

PROCESS

As with all of the videos in the course, watch the video before class. Remember that John speaks quickly and you may benefit from having the captions turned on. If you missed something, be sure to pause or rewind the video. Remember that two of the central ideas in this lesson are to understand the role of government in effecting change and to understand the way major events impact the American society. Why was there a movement to keep the US out of World War I? How did World War I impact the homefront? How did the war fit into the larger ideals of the Progressive Movement?



LESSON 7.1.10 | WATCH | Key Ideas – Factual

Think about the following questions as you watch the video.

1. Why were progressives opposed to U.S. involvement in The Great War?
2. Why does John claim the sinking of the Lusitania in May 1915 was not the cause of America entering the war?
3. Why did America decide to declare war on Germany?
4. What was America's main contribution to the Entente powers?
5. John states that not all progressives were anti-war and that for them, the war offered America what?



6. How did The Great War suppress civil liberties?

7. How did the war affect American patriotism and relations with immigrants?

8. What was The Great Migration?

9. Did America achieve the goal of spreading progressive ideas throughout the rest of the world by entering The Great War?

LESSON 7.1.10 | WATCH | Conceptual Thinking

Answer the following question to make connections across different concepts and think more critically about the information presented in the video.

1. Randolph Bourne stated, "War is the health of state." Do you believe this to be true? Why or why not?