The American Pageant Chapter 29 Reading Guide

Vocabulary
Underwood Tariff
Federal Reserve Act
Federal Trade Commission Act
Clayton Anti-Trust Act
Holding companies
Workingmen’s Compensation Act
Adamson Act
Jones Act
Tampico incident
Central Powers
Allies
U-boats
Lusitania
Zimmermann note
Fourteen Points
Committee on Public Information
Espionage Act
Schenck v. United States
War Industries Board
Industrial Workers of the World
Great Migration
Nineteenth Amendment
Sheppard-Towner Maternity Act
American Expeditionary Forces (AEF)
Battle of Chateau-Thierry
Meuse-Argonne offensive
League of Nations
Treaty of Versailles
Irreconcilables

Reading Questions
1. Describe Woodrow Wilson’s background prior to becoming the Democratic nominee for president in 1912.
2. What are the three parts of Wilson’s “triple wall of privilege”?
3. In what ways does Wilson tackle the tariff issue?
4. How does Wilson deal with the banking issues facing the country? Make sure you know the Federal Reserve Act and how important it is.
5. Describe the two major acts created under Wilson to deal with the trusts.
6. In the section entitled “Wilson at the Peak”, explain how the laws described as well as Brandeis’ appointment to the Supreme Court show Wilson’s commitment to progressive ideals.
7. Many times, Wilson’s foreign policy is called “moral diplomacy.” Using specific examples, explain why that is an appropriate term, using examples from both Latin America and Asia, and explain how Haiti forces Wilson to go against his ideals.
8. Describe the conflict in Mexico during the Mexican Revolution and explain the reasons for the unrest.
9. What causes the U.S. to become involved in Mexico? How is this issue resolved?
10. What causes the beginning of World War I in Europe?
11. Why challenges exist for American neutrality at the outset of World War I?
12. How is the United States using trade with Europe during World War I? Are they really neutral?
13. What tactics did Germany use to combat the British blockade?
14. Explain the incidents with the Lusitania, the Arabic, and the Sussex and describe how they antagonized the United States?
16. Explain the two major events that happen in March 1917 that lead Woodrow Wilson to ask Congress to declare war on Germany.
17. How does Woodrow use his idealism to create the rationale for the United States to enter World War I?
18. Describe each of Wilson’s Fourteen Points that are outlined in the text.
19. What was George Creel’s role during World War I? What actions does he take in that role?
20. What laws and actions are taken by the U.S. Government and American citizens during World War I that enforce loyalty and stifle dissent?
21. How is Bernard Baruch able to transform the United States in terms of industry during World War I?
22. How did the Food Administration encourage support for the war effort? Were these efforts successful? Why?
23. What is the role of the labor movement in World War I? (Be sure to address the response of different labor unions as well as the grievances labor continued to have during the war.)
24. What are the changes for black citizens during World War I? How does this cause tension?
25. What major pieces of legislation are created in the aftermath of World War I that provide new opportunities and rights for women?
26. How does Congress get the manpower necessary to fight the war?
27. What role do the U.S. forces play in the fighting during World War I?
28. What is the dispute between Wilson and the Republicans in the Senate when it comes to the Paris Peace Conference? Who was the leader of the Republicans in the Senate on this matter?
29. What are the major concessions given to different countries in the Treaty of Versailles?
30. In what ways do colonialism and imperialism seem to sneak into the Treaty of Versailles?
31. What are the pros and cons of the Treaty of Versailles?
32. Why did some American citizens oppose the Treaty of Versailles?
33. What does Wilson do in response to Republican opposition to the treaty in the Senate? What happens to Wilson during this time?
34. What are the Lodge reservations?
35. Ironically, why and how does Wilson get the Treaty of Versailles voted down in the Senate?
36. Who is running for President in 1920, and what are the major issues in the campaign?
37. What are the long term consequences of the rejection of the Treaty of Versailles and the rejection of the Security Treaty with France?