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Chapter Outlines and Reading Guide

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Chapter 21 America and the Great War

1. The “Big Stick”: America and the World, 1901-1917
 - a. Roosevelt and “civilization”
 - i. “speak softly but carry a big stick”
 - ii. Civilized and uncivilized
 - b. Protecting the Open Door in Asia
 - i. Russo-Japanese War & Roosevelt
 - ii. Great White Fleet
 - c. The Iron-Fisted Neighbor
 - i. Roosevelt Corollary**
 - ii. Dominican Republic
 - iii. Platt Amendment**
 - d. The Panama Canal**
 - i. Columbia
 - ii. Panamanian Revolution
 - iii. The Canal
 - e. Taft and “Dollar Diplomacy”
 - i. Dollar Diplomacy**
 - ii. Nicaragua
 - f. Diplomacy and Morality
 - i. Haiti
 - ii. Virgin Islands
 - iii. Mexico**
2. The Road to War
 - a. The Collapse of the European Peace
 - i. Triple Entente
 - ii. Triple Alliance
 - iii. Chief rivalry
 - iv. Archduke Franz Ferdinand
 - v. Escalation of War

- b. Wilson's Neutrality**
 - i. Allies
 - ii. Central Powers
 - iii. Moral & Economic ties to Britain**
 - iv. Lusitania**
 - v. Sussex**
 - c. Preparedness versus Pacifism
 - i. Increase in forces
 - ii. Election of 1916
 - d. A War for Democracy**
 - i. January 1917 Speech**
 - ii. Zimmermann Telegram**
 - iii. Wilson's War Message**
3. "War without Stint"
Stalemate
- a. Entering the War
 - i. Bolshevik Revolution – Lenin
 - b. The American Expeditionary Force**
 - i. Selective Service Act**
 - ii. American Expeditionary Force (AEF)**
 - iii. Trenches
 - iv. Women in the Military**
 - v. African-Americans in the Military**
 - vi. Houston 1917
 - c. The Military Struggle
 - i. General John J Pershing**
 - ii. Trenches & "no man's land"
 - iii. Argonne Forrest**
 - d. The New Technology of Warfare**
 - i. Machine guns
 - ii. Tanks & Flame Throwers
 - iii. Mustard Gas & Gas Masks
 - iv. Planes – dogfights
 - v. Submarines

- vi. Casualties
- 4. The War and American Society
 - a. Organizing the Economy for War
 - i. **Liberty Bonds**
 - ii. Taxes
 - iii. War Industries Board & Baruch
 - b. Labor and the War
 - i. **National War Labor Board**
 - ii. Ludlow Massacre
 - c. **Economic and Social Results of the War**
 - i. **Economic opportunities**
 - ii. **"Great Migration"**
 - iii. **Race Riots**
 - iv. **Women**
- 5. The Futile Search for Social Unity
 - a. The Peace Movement
 - b. Selling the War and Suppressing Dissent
 - i. Billy Sunday
 - ii. **Committee on Public Information**
 - iii. **Espionage Act of 1917**
 - iv. Sabotage Act and Sedition Act
 - v. Repressing Dissent
 - vi. German Abuse
- 6. The Search for a New World Order
 - a. **The Fourteen Points**
 - i. Three Broad Categories
 - 1. Adjusting Postwar Boundaries
 - 2. International Conduct
 - 3. **League of Nations**
 - ii. Flaws of the Fourteen Points
 - iii. Lenin
 - b. Early Obstacles
 - i. George & Clemenceau
 - ii. Republicans
 - c. **The Paris Peace Conference**
 - i. Big Four

- ii. White Russians
 - iii. Reparations
 - iv. League of Nations**
 - d. The Ratification Battle
 - i. Henry Cabot Lodge**
 - e. Wilson's Ordeal
 - i. "solemn referendum"
- 7. A Society in Turmoil
 - a. Industry and Labor
 - i. Economic reconversion
 - ii. Postwar recession
 - iii. Strikes in 1919
 - b. The Demands of African Americans
 - i. New Black Attitudes** – note pic on p. 608
 - ii. Increase of lynching's
 - iii. Chicago Race Riot
 - iv. Red Summer 1919
 - v. Marcus Garvey – UNIA** – note pic on p. 610
 - c. The Red Scare**
 - i. Palmer Raids**
 - ii. Sacco & Vanzetti**
 - d. Refuting the Red Scare
 - i. American Civil Liberties Union**
 - e. The Retreat from Idealism
 - i. "Return to Normalcy"