

# Over There: Why America Entered World War I

## Readings

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**REC** = Recommended Reading

### The Beginning

[Woodrow Wilson, An Appeal to the American People \(PDF\)](#) **REQ**

### Meanings of Neutrality

Robert Lansing to President Wilson, Oct. 1914 (PDF) **REC**

Robert Lansing Memorandum, Oct. 1914 (PDF) **REQ**

Secretary of State Bryan to President Wilson, Aug. 1914 (PDF) **REC**

Robert Lansing to President Wilson, Sept. 1915 (PDF) **REQ**

### Debating Maritime Warfare 1915

Secretary of State Bryan to Walter Hines Page, Dec. 1914 (PDF) **REQ**

Secretary of State Bryan to Walter Hines Page, Mar. 1915 (PDF) **REC**

Woodrow Wilson, First warning to the Germans, Feb. 1915 (PDF) **REC**

Woodrow Wilson, First Lusitania Note, May 1915 (PDF) **REQ**

Woodrow Wilson, Second Lusitania Note, June 1915 (PDF) **REQ**

Woodrow Wilson, Third Lusitania Note, July 1915 (PDF) **REC**

[TR, Murder on the High Seas, Metropolitan Magazine](#) **REQ**

William Jennings Bryan to Woodrow Wilson, May 12 & June 5, 1915 (PDF) **REQ**

William Jennings Bryan to Woodrow Wilson, June 3 & June 9, 1915 (PDF) **REC**

### Travel, War, and Neutrality

[Cunard Ad for Lusitania and Notes from German Imperial Embassy](#), *New York Times* **REQ**

The Gore-McLemore Resolution (PDF) **REQ**

William J. Stone to Woodrow Wilson (PDF) **REC**

Woodrow Wilson to William J. Stone (PDF) **REQ**

### Preparedness, Peace, and War

“T.R. Talks at Plattsburg” and “Roosevelt Renews Attack on Wilson,” *New York Times* (PDF) **REQ**

A Memorial to the President of the United States by the American Union Against Militarism (PDF) **REQ**

Colloquy with a group of anti-preparedness Leaders (PDF) **REC**

Meeting of Members of Peace Societies with Wilson (PDF) **REQ**

Franklin H. Giddings, The Democracy of Universal Military Service (PDF) **REC**

Edward Filene, The Road to a Durable Peace (PDF) **REC**

Women’s Peace Party (1915), Platform and Speeches (PDF) **REC**

### Socialist Critics

[Emma Goldman, “Preparedness, the Road to Universal Slaughter,”](#) *Mother Earth* **REQ**

[Emma Goldman, Speech against Conscription and War, Delivered at Forward Hall](#), NYC **REC**

Peace Program of the Socialist Party (PDF) **REC**

[Eugene Debs, The Majority Report](#) **REQ**

[Eugene Debs, The Canton, Ohio Speech](#) **REC**

## German-Americans

George Sylvester Viereck, Writings (PDF) REQ  
George Sylvester Viereck, Writings (PDF) REC

## War of Images

[James Montgomery Flagg, Wake up, America!](#) REC  
[H.R. Hopps, Destroy this Mad Brute](#), c. 1916 REQ  
Fred Spear, Enlist, 1915 (PDF) REQ  
[Are you trained to defend your country?](#), Plattsburg, 1915 REQ  
[James Montgomery Flagg, Wake up America Day](#), April 1917 REC  
[Stern, Are you 100% American?](#), c. 1918 REC  
[Fred Strothmann, Beat back the Hun with liberty Bonds](#), 1918 REC  
[Henry Patrick Raleigh, Hun or Home?](#), 1918 REC  
["Shall this Continue?"](#), poster REQ  
[No Name, cartoon](#) REC

## Wilson's Case

Woodrow Wilson Address to the Senate, Jan. 1917 (PDF) REQ  
Woodrow Wilson, Address to Congress, February 26, 1917 (PDF) REC  
Woodrow Wilson, An Address Congress, April 2, 1917 (PDF) REQ

**Congressional Anti-War Speeches**, Norris, LaFollette, Kitchin (PDF) REQ

## Military Views

General Board, "Naval Policy with Present Requirements," July 1915 (PDF) REQ  
William S. Benson, "The Possibility of War," Feb. 1917 (PDF) REC

## Intellectuals Temptations

[Randolph Bourne, "Twilights of Idols,"](#) *The Seven Arts* REQ  
John Dewey, "The Future of Pacifism" and "What America Will Fight For" (PDF) REC

## Promises of War?

"World War and the Color Line," *The Crisis*, Nov. 1914 (PDF) REC  
"Close Ranks," *The Crisis*, July 1918 (PDF) REQ  
[Byron Gunner to W. E. B. Du Bois, July 25, 1918](#) REC

## Cartoons

To the Presidential Nominee, Chicago Defender, June, 1916 (PDF) REQ  
Loyalty, Richmond Planet. June 1917 (PDF) REQ  
The Dawn of a New Day, Richmond Planet, June 1917 (PDF) REC  
The Mark of the American Hun, Baltimore Afro-American, Jan. 1919 (PDF) REC