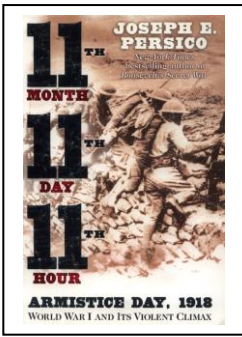


Aim #22: How did WWI come to an end?



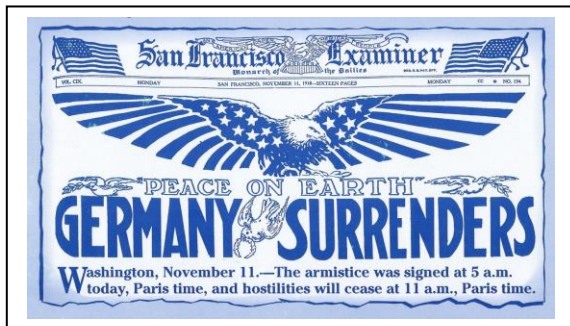
Mini Lecture

- On November 11, 1918 at 11am (11/11/11), “the War to end all wars” is OVER!!! An **armistice** was signed.
- A huge reason the war came to end was because on April 6, 1917, the U.S. joined the Allies. This **turning point** changed the tide of war and enabled the Allies to defeat the Central Powers.
- For most of the war, the U.S. remained officially neutral as most Americans preferred to let Europeans settle their own differences.
- However, the U.S. loaned money & supplies to the Allies, which drew responses from Germany- **unrestricted submarine warfare** sank American ships traveling to Europe, carrying war materials. One example was the British passenger ship, the **Lusitania**, 128 Americans were killed. These attacks killed many American civilians and it angered many Americans.
- Americans were also outraged when details of the **Zimmerman telegram** were published in newspapers (Germany was trying to rally Mexico to attack the U.S.).
- The U.S. entry provided new supplies, fresh troops, and a huge morale boost for the Allies.
- Germany was going through internal problems such as running out of resources (metal) and food- the people seeing that the war was turning against them overthrew the Kaiser & set up a new government. In October 1918, the military finally admitted to itself that victory was impossible. The new leaders requested an armistice to end the war and asked for peace.



Review Questions:

- What factors led the U.S. to enter WWI?
- How was the entry of the U.S. into the war a turning point?
- Why did Germany ask for an armistice in November 1918?



An American War Song- "Over There"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=921z4LAHvak>

*Over there, over there
Send the word, send the word over there
That the Yanks are coming
The Yanks are coming
The drums rum-tumming
Everywhere
So prepare, say a prayer
Send the word, send the word to beware
We'll be over, we're coming over
And we won't come back till it's over
Over there*

-George M. Cohan, written in 1917

1. What is the tone of the song?
2. What do you think is the purpose of this song? Do you think it worked?



MAY THE SPARKS NEVER REACH IT!

1. Explain the point of view of the cartoonist.

"It is a fearful thing to lead this great peaceful people into war . . . But the right is more precious than peace, and we shall fight for things which we have always carried nearest to our hearts-for democracy, for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own governments, *for the rights and liberties of small nations*"

--- Woodrow Wilson, April 2 1917

1. Explain why President Wilson asked for the U.S. to join WWI.