

ISOLATION (1920's)

Fact or Revisionist Battleground?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- ① 1) In spite of good faith intended by the Fourteen Points, how do you account for the harshness of the Treaty of Versailles?
- ② 2) How did the Bolshevik Revolution affect the writing of the Treaty?
- ③ 3) Who was responsible for US failure to join the League of Nations?

Based on the Experiences at Versailles, how should the US respond . . .

- Should the US recognize the Soviet Union?
- How should disarmament be viewed?
- What reaction to failure to pay reparations is appropriate?
- What should the policy toward Latin America be?
- What responsibilities does the US have regarding the League, World Court & prevention of future conflicts?

Foreign Policy Context

- ◉ Open Door Policy
- ◉ Manifest Destiny
- ◉ Dollar Diplomacy

EVENTS OF THE TWENTIES

- Ratification of the League Convention, Article X
- Washington Conference, 1921 (disarmament)
- Disarmament of Geneva & London
- War Debts: Dawes & Young Plans
- Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact, 1926
- Relations with Asia: Four & Nine Power Pacts
- Caribbean: Clark Memorandum, 1928 (Separate R. Corollary from Monroe Doctrine)

“The foreign policy issue of the twenties was never isolationism.”

Assess the validity.

Isolationism got the United States into World War II.

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