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President Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points

We entered this war because violations of right had occurred which touched us to the quick and made the life of our own people impossible unless they were corrected and the world secure once for all against their recurrence. What we demand in this war, therefore, is nothing peculiar to ourselves. It is that the world be made fit and safe to live in; and particularly that it be made safe for every peace-loving nation which, like our own, wishes to live its own life, determine its own institutions, be assured of justice and fair dealing by the other peoples of the world as against force and selfish aggression. All the peoples of the world are in effect partners in this interest, and for our own part we see very clearly that unless justice be done to others it will not be done to us. The program of the world's peace, therefore, is our program; and that program, the only possible program, as we see it, is this:

No more secret agreements between countries. Diplomacy shall be open to the world.

International seas shall be free to navigate during peace and war.

There shall be free trade between the countries who accept the peace.

There shall be a worldwide reduction in weapons and armies by all countries.

Colonial claims over land and regions will be fair.

Russia will be allowed to determine its own form of government. All German troops will leave Russian soil.

German troops will evacuate Belgium and Belgium will be an independent country.

France will regain all territory including the disputed land of Alsace-Lorraine.

The borders of Italy will be established such that all Italians will be within the country of Italy.

Austria-Hungary will be allowed to continue to be an independent country.

The Central Powers will evacuate Serbia, Montenegro, and Romania leaving them as independent countries.

The Turkish people of the Ottoman Empire will have their own country. Other nationalities under the Ottoman rule will also have security.

Poland shall be an independent country.

A League of Nations will be formed that protects the independence of all countries no matter how big or small.

With your group, create your own “Seven Points”. These “Seven Points” should be based on your knowledge of World War One causes, Militarism, Alliances, Imperialism, and Nationalism. Discuss seven terms that will determine the requirements for a peace settlement at the end of World War One.

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