

TEXT: War and peace

When the First World War erupted in Europe in August 1914, Wilson urged a foreign policy of strict neutrality. But many Americans were outraged by Germany's invasion of Belgium, and the press published reports (often exaggerated) of German atrocities against Belgian civilians. Americans were also incensed when, in May 1915, a German submarine sank the British liner *Lusitania*, killing 128 American passengers. In January 1917, Germany declared unrestricted submarine warfare against all ships bound for Allies ports, including neutral merchant vessels. In February, Wilson learned that if Germany and America went to war, the German foreign minister planned to offer an alliance to Mexico and Japan, with the promise that Mexico would recover the lands it had lost to the United States in 1848. By now, America had sold thousands of millions of dollars in munitions and other goods to the Allies, largely on credit.

In April 1917, Wilson asked Congress for a declaration of war, not just to defeat Germany or to end submarine warfare, but to secure "the rights and liberties... of free people everywhere". For Wilson, the war would be a great crusade for world peace and national self-determination. "The world must be made safe for democracy". Wilson proclaimed as American entered "the war to end all wars".

I. READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

A. Multiple choice questions: Copy the complete sentence containing the correct answer. (1pt)

1. Wilson urged a foreign policy of strict neutrality ... many Americans were angry at Germany's invasion of Belgium.
 - a. Because
 - b. As soon as
 - c. Whereas
 - d. And
2. Americans entered the war because ...
 - a. Germany invaded Belgium
 - b. They were offended by Germans
 - c. They liked it
 - d. Germany declared war to America

B. True /False questions: Copy the true sentences and correct the false ones. (2pts)

1. Many Americans were angry when Germany invaded Belgium.
2. Americans entered the First World War at the very beginning.
3. Lusitania was an American ship.
4. Neutral merchant vessels were concerned with Germany's submarine warfare.

C. Answer the following questions: (2pts)

1. Who was Wilson?
2. What do you think is the main reason of America's participation in the war?

II. LANGUAGES:

A. Copy down each word from the list on left with one from the right so as to make pairs of synonyms. (2pts)

A	B
Urge	finish
Bound	exhort
Warfare	destined
End	hostilities

B. Put the following sentences into indirect speech. (2pts)

1. “What about going to the beach”, he said.
2. He informed us, “Students play in the yard”.
3. Fanta said, “I’m learning my lesson now”.
4. He says, “I always do the washing up”.

C. What can these people say? Write a short dialogue for that situation. (2pts)

Amadou complains to his wife Mariama about the fact that her breakfast is not often ready on time.

D. Translate into French from “In April 1917, ... ” to “... the war to end all wars”. (2pts)

E. Traduire en Anglais: Les terroristes sont en train de détruire le monde au nom de l’islam. Nous devons les tuer tous partout où ils se trouvent. Pour cela, la population doit aider nos forces armées en leur fournissant des renseignements. (2pts)

I. COMPOSITIONS : Choose one of the following topics (5pts)

A. Bintou Diarra is a student at the 12th form SS in LPMC. She writes a postcard to her husband Adma Traoré, a teacher in Askia Mohamed POBOX 112 Bamaoko, to send her an English book. She tells him about the necessity of it.

Write Bintou’s postcard!

B. A Canadian NGO, World Environment, B.P. 20052, Bamako, has just advertised in English in “Info-Matin’ for a project assistant. The applicant is supposed to be able to speak English, French and Bamanakan, used to living in the bush and working with animals. Computer skills are also required. Bibata Tangara lives in Niarela, door28, Street 45, Bamako. She is interested in the advertisement and intends to apply for the job. So, she writes to Mr. Oscar Boswell, the personal Officer, to say why she thinks she would be suitable.

Write Bibata’s application letter with the appropriate layout.²

Good luck!