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**Wilson Administration Scavenger Hunt**

**Please answer the following 8 questions**

1. What was Wilson's Moral Diplomacy?

A strategy in which Wilson ---and his Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan--- tried to use moral values in justifying American actions overseas/

2. What was the Tampico Incident and how did the U.S. interfere with México's politics?

An incident where the U.S. Navy occupied Veracruz, Mexico after Huerta's forces posed a threat to American oil rigs in the area, the U.S. formally backed Venustiano Carranza successfully replaced Huerta

- a. Why did Pancho Villa attack Columbus, New Mexico when the U.S. used to support him?

When Carranza's policies violated his moral diplomacy, Wilson supported Mexican peasant rebel Pancho Villa in his cause against Carranza. However, after some reforms in 1915, Wilson decided that Carranza had corrected himself and stopped supporting Villa. Villa retaliated by attacking Columbus, New México for supplies.

- b. How did the U.S. respond to Villa's attack on Columbus, New México?

With Carranza's permission, Wilson sent General "Black Jack" Pershing to Mexico to capture Villa. Villa was never captured.

3. Which were the two sides of World War I?

With the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, Europe was carved between two major forces: the **Allied Powers** (Britain, France and Russia) and the **Central Powers** (Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey).

4. Even though Wilson wanted to stay out of the conflict, he was frustrated by the following two concepts. Define what they are:

- a. Zimmerman Note: an intercepted German telegram instructing México to attack the U.S. in exchange for the land it lost

- b. Unrestricted Submarine Warfare/Sinking of *Lusitania*: which resulted in the loss of American lives including 128 passengers on the *RMS Lusitania*.

5. What is total war?

A theory which says every piece of a country's resources (from food and money to manpower) should go to the war effort.

6. Explain the ways in which the following three concepts accommodated total war:

a. The Selective Services Act:

A law which decrees that **requires** every American male citizen to register for the draft at **18 years old**. Their information is collected by the federal government and held on file. **This system allows for every American male from the ages of 18 to 45 to be drafted in the event of a full scale war. This law is still in effect to this day.** Failure to comply with this law can result in criminal consequences.

b. Rationing/Meatless Mondays/Victory Gardens:

Private American citizens were encouraged by the federal government to give up their food for the war effort.

c. 100 Percent Americanism:

An ultra-nationalistic concept which empowered nearly every American citizen to contribute to the war effort.

i. Harlem Hellfighters: An all-African American detachment of troops who enlisted in hopes of earning civil rights.

ii. Major League Baseball's contributions: Teams did military drills as warm ups and held "**relief games**" where a fraction of their proceeds went to the U.S. Navy and the Red Cross.

iii. American Protective League (APL) and Slacker Raids: The APL swept the stands of baseball games, theaters and restaurants, to ensure that every American male registered for the Selective Services Act. **If citizens could not provide their draft card, the APL arrested them.**

7. Name **two new threats** General Pershing and his American Expeditionary Force faced on the battlefield:

American soldiers faced new technological dangers such as **poison gas (which triggered blindness and bleeding in the lungs) and trench warfare which resulted in limbs requiring amputation from gangrene which was commonly called trench foot.**

8. What **two services** did organizations like the YMCA offer American soldiers during the war that served the Progressive Era goal of scientifically correcting the moral fabric of American culture?

**Instead of drinking or soliciting prostitutes** as their allies had, U.S. soldiers could participate in **movie nights and even intramural baseball leagues**. Some even suggested that the 1918 MLB World Series could be played in France with the war as a backdrop.