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| <p>1903 U.S. obtains Panama canal rights</p> <p>1905 President Theodore Roosevelt mediates peace treaty between Japan and Russia at Portsmouth Conference</p> <p>1908 Root-Takahira Agreement with Japan affirms status quo in Asia and Open Door policy in China</p> <p>1911 Mexican Revolution begins</p> <p>1914 U.S. forces invade Mexico
Panama Canal opens
World War I begins in Europe
President Woodrow Wilson issues proclamation of neutrality</p> <p>1915 Germany declares war zone around Great Britain
German U-boat sinks <i>Lusitania</i></p> <p>1916 Pancho Villa raids New Mexico, is pursued by General Pershing
Wilson is reelected
National Defense Act establishes preparedness program</p> <p>1917 February: Germany resumes unrestricted submarine warfare
March: Zimmermann Note, suggesting a German-Mexican alliance, shocks Americans</p> | <p>April: U.S. declares war on the Central Powers
May: Selective Service Act is passed
June: Espionage Act is passed
November: Bolshevik Revolution begins in Russia</p> <p>1918 January: Wilson unveils Fourteen Points
May: Sedition Act is passed
June: U.S. troops begin to see action in France
November: Armistice ends war</p> <p>1919 January: Eighteenth Amendment (Prohibition) is ratified
Wilson serves as Chief U.S. negotiator at Paris Peace Conference
June: Versailles Treaty is signed in Paris
July: Race riot breaks out in Chicago
Steel strike begins in several mid-western cities
November: Palmer raids begin</p> <p>1920 March: Senate finally votes down Versailles Treaty and League of Nations
August: Nineteenth Amendment (woman suffrage) is ratified
November: Warren G. Harding is elected president</p> |
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