
Study Guide

Identify and give the historical significance of each of the following terms, events, and people in a paragraph or two.

1. Red Scare
2. Nineteenth Amendment
3. Eugenics
4. Liberal internationalism
5. Committee on Public Information
6. Moral imperialism
7. Niagara Movement
8. Fourteen Points
9. Panama Canal
10. 100 percent Americanism
11. Espionage Act
12. Americanization

Potential Essay Questions:

1. Examine the restrictions placed on freedom during World War I. Be sure to analyze Debs’s piece in “Voices of Freedom,” the Committee on Public Information, and “coercive patriotism.”

2. Analyze why the Progressives would not embrace the cause of civil liberties. Why did they not generally speak out against the broad suppression of freedom of expression during the war? How does that reveal an obvious hypocrisy, especially in Wilson’s platform, as charged by W. E. B. Du Bois in “Voices of Freedom”?

3. Compare Roosevelt’s and Wilson’s attitudes toward blacks. How significant were the actions of the federal government in advancing freedoms for blacks during the early twentieth century?

4. Explain and analyze W. E. B. Du Bois’s political ideas. How did he attempt to expand civil rights for African-Americans?

5. Explain the various debates surrounding the Treaty of Versailles. Why did the Senate ultimately refuse to ratify the treaty or to join the League of Nations?