

Woodrow Wilson's 14 Points

5 mins



 **Mission** - to understand who Woodrow Wilson was, what he wanted and his plan to achieve it!

FOURTEEN POINTS

Free trade between countries.

No tariffs / trade deals.

Oceans / seas are FREE.

Not controlled by any nation.

Use end of WW1 to solve the Balkans issue.

Self determination for these people.

Return Alsace Loraine to France.

Germany had taken this border town in 1871.

Turkish / Ottoman Empire broken up.

Self determination for these people.

End Militarism.

Disarm all nations.

End the concept of empire building.

Self determination - e.g. Africa.

No secret treaties.

Such as the alliances that led to WW1.

Poland to be an independent state.

With access to the sea.

Out!

German troops to get out of Russian territory.

Independence for Belgium.

NEW global organisation = League of Nations.

Create security, cooperation + peace.

Transfer the borders of Italy and Austria.

Adjust the existing boundaries.

Serbia gains access to the sea.



Woodrow Wilson was elected to US president 1912. He was an idealist - a man who believed that a better / 'perfect' world was possible and within reach after WW1.

He encouraged Germany to surrender in 1918 - and proposed a peace that would be based on his 14 Points.

The 14 Points were seen by Wilson and Germany as a way not to destroy or humiliate Germany.

Key to make Wilson's aims was the creation of a new global organisation called the League of Nations. Its main principle would be peace though **collective security**.

The League's aims were to...

- Stop future wars
- Improve lives and working conditions
- Disarm after WW1
- Enforce the treaties of WW1

Note ...

Not all of Wilson's 14 Points would be achieved after WW1. Much to the frustration of Wilson + anger of Germany who would be dealt with severely.

