

## Ch. 7, Lesson 3

**Visual Summary**

In this lesson, you will learn how modern weapons led to a bloody stalemate. The entry of the United States helped win the war, but the peace treaty that ended World War I had problems. Here are important ideas and events you will learn about in this lesson.

**Fighting World War I**

Old military strategies and new weapons led to enormous loss of life. When fresh American troops arrived, many Germans felt the war was lost.



- Artillery fire kept troops pinned down in trenches that ran for miles. Fighting led to a stalemate.
- Poison gas, tanks, and machine guns were new technologies that killed many on both sides. Air power was used mainly for light bombing.
- Americans arrived in July 1917. French and British commanders wanted to use U.S. troops, but General Pershing kept them under his command.
- U.S. forces turned back final German offensive. Fighting ended November 11, 1918

**A Flawed Peace**

Wilson arrived for peace talks in 1919 with a Fourteen Points plan.



- Great Britain and France wanted to punish the Central Powers. Most of Wilson's ideas were rejected, except for the League of Nations.
- The Treaty of Versailles forced harsh terms on Germany but allowed for a League of Nations. The Senate refused to ratify the treaty.