

iLAP: Becoming a World Power

Section 2, Activity 9

World War I Newspaper Articles

Write a series of four newspaper articles about four specific events related to World War I. Your articles should read and look like actual newspaper articles from the time might have read and looked.....5 pts.

The setting: It is the middle of October in the year 1928. On November 11 the U.S. will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Armistice Day...the day the fighting ended in World War I.

You work for a weekly newspaper in upstate New York. Your editor has instructed you to prepare a special edition. Your editor's vision is that this special edition will mark the upcoming special holiday by reviewing for your readers the critical events of World War I, especially those that led to U.S. involvement in that war.

Your job is to search through past issues of your newspaper and from its start to its final conclusion. These articles will then be compiled and reprinted as the special edition.

The task: Since the above situation is imaginary, you will have to prepare your "special edition" by researching and writing the articles you need. You must write one article for the four **required** "headlines" on the attached page (note: these headlines are written in the style of newspapers from that time).

For extra credit, up to one iLAP point each, you may also research and write articles for any or all of the **bonus** headlines!

For additional extra credit, and for some "WOW" factor, you may include other items that may help your "readers" gain a better understanding of World War I. These items could include maps, pictures, and editorial cartoons.

Required Headlines for Required Articles

War in Europe! Archduke's Assassination Sparks Chain Reaction Wilson Declares U.S. Neutral	...written approximately August 5, 1914
WAR! Wilson Warns of German Threat To World Democracy Congress Applauds, Then Acts	...written approximately April 7, 1917
Armistice! Germany Asks for Terms AEF Turned the Tide	...written approximately November 11, 1918
War Officially Over Versailles Treaty Bears Little Resemblance to Wilson's Fourteen Points League of Nations Proposed	...written approximately June 29, 1919

Bonus Headlines for Bonus Articles

Zimmermann Note Revealed Secret Plan With Mexico Wilson and Congress Outraged	...written approximately May 8, 1915
Lusitania Torpedoed German Sub Does the Deed 128 Americans Among the Dead	...written approximately January 23, 1917
Sussex Pledge Revoked German Subs to Attack any Ship Wilson Breaks Diplomatic Relations	...written approximately February 2, 1917
Wilson Plans to Mobilize Entire Nation Congress to Draft Men for Army Hoover Calls on All Americans to Do Their Part	...written approximately May 19, 1917