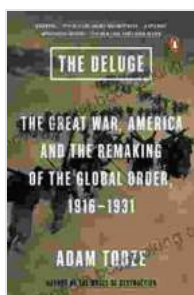


# The Great War: America's Transformative Role in the Global Order, 1916-1931

The Great War, also known as World War I, marked a profound turning point in global history, forever altering the political, economic, and social landscapes of nations worldwide. Amidst this seismic conflict, the United States emerged as a transformative force, its involvement reshaping the global Free Download and laying the groundwork for its eventual superpower status.

## America's Pre-War Position

Prior to the outbreak of war in 1914, the United States maintained a policy of relative isolationism, focused primarily on its own domestic affairs. However, as the conflict escalated, particularly with the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915, public opinion began to shift towards interventionism.



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## **America's Entry into the War**

In April 1917, the United States declared war on Germany, citing concerns over unrestricted submarine warfare and Germany's support for Mexico in its attempts to recover lost territories from the United States. America's entry into the war significantly bolstered the Allied Powers, particularly in terms of manpower and industrial production.

## **The War's Impact on America**

The Great War had a transformative impact on American society and economy. The conflict mobilized millions of Americans, both on the front lines and at home in factories and shipyards. It also led to unprecedented government intervention in the economy, with the establishment of war industries and rationing programs.

## **America's Role in the Peace Settlement**

At the end of the war, President Woodrow Wilson played a prominent role in the Paris Peace Conference, advocating for his "Fourteen Points," which aimed to establish a new world order based on collective security and self-determination. However, the Treaty of Versailles, ultimately signed in 1919, fell short of Wilson's ideals and sowed the seeds for future conflict.

## **Economic Transformation**

The war brought about significant economic changes in the United States. The country emerged from the conflict as the world's leading industrial power, with a dominant position in banking and finance. The war also stimulated the growth of new industries, such as aviation and chemicals.

## **Political Transformation**

Politically, the war strengthened the power of the federal government and paved the way for a more active role in international affairs. The establishment of the Federal Reserve System and the passage of progressive legislation, such as the Clayton Antitrust Act, reflected the growing influence of the government in the economy.

### **Social Transformation**

The war also had a profound impact on American society. The war saw the emergence of women in the workforce, as they filled jobs traditionally held by men who were fighting overseas. The conflict also accelerated the urbanization of the country, as people moved to industrial centers for work opportunities.

### **Post-War Isolationism**

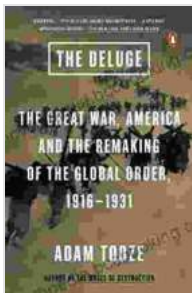
In the aftermath of the war, a wave of isolationism swept across the United States. The country rejected the League of Nations, established as part of the Versailles Treaty, and returned to its pre-war policy of non-intervention. This isolationism would continue until the outbreak of World War II in 1939.

The Great War was a transformative event for the United States, marking its emergence as a global power and setting the stage for its future role in international affairs. The war's impact on the country was profound, shaping its economy, politics, and society for decades to come.

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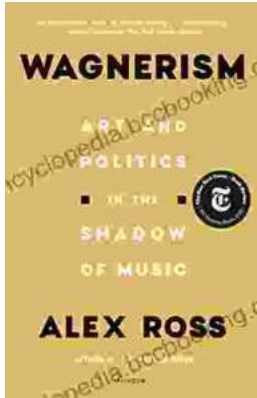
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