## **Woodrow Wilson's 14 Points**

President Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points were intended to assure Americans that WWI was being fought for a moral cause and for a lasting peace in Europe. Each point was a plan for how to achieve world peace.

Despite Wilson's good intentions, many people in the United States were against some of his ideas. Wilson traveled the country for months giving speeches to gain support. He worked himself so hard in fact, that he suffered a stroke which left him paralyzed on his left side and blind in his left eye.

To help Roosevelt get his point across about how these points will achieve peace, you have been assigned to create advertising flags for 6 of his most important main Points to the American people. You want Americans to support the 14 Points and see how they will bring about peace in the future.

Below are the first 6 of Wilson's 14 Points. First, think about how this idea will help bring about peace. Then on your paper write a title for that point on the line and create an image that represents this idea on the flag below your title.



## **The 14 Points**

- 1. Open agreements of alliances with no secret international alliances of any kind. Diplomacy shall proceed always in the public view.
- **2**. Absolute freedom of the seas alike in peace and in war.
- 3. The removal of all economic trade barriers and the establishment of equal trade conditions among all nations.
- 4. Weaponry should be reduced to the lowest point consistent with domestic safety.
- **5**. A free, open-minded adjustment of all colonies, based upon the interests of the people in colonies equal with the claims of the Government who control them.
- **6**. A League of Nations must be formed for the purpose of guaranteeing political independence and territorial integrity to great and small countries alike.

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