

Weekly Assignment #2

History 022: U.S. History 2

Winter 2013

Due: Monday, February 25th

This assignment is worth 40 points or 8% of the total course grade. Answer the questions below. Each question is worth 20 points. The answer is worth 15 points and spelling, grammar, etc. are worth 5 points. Please type your responses and submit them in class. Submissions that are not typed will lose 5 points. You may work on this in groups and use sources outside of the textbook, but your final answers must be written independently and be in your own words. Be sure to proofread your final draft.

Question 1

Analyze the American experience in World War One. Write two paragraphs on the war and how it affected the United States.

1. Focus the first paragraph on the idea of “total war” and explain how the war affected the American economy, society, and the role of the government.
2. Summarize Wilson’s Fourteen Points and explain why the U.S. rejected the Treaty of Versailles in the second paragraph.

Question 2

How and why did the political mood of America change after World War One? Progressivism dominated American politics before the war. Why did the Progressive Era come to an end? Compare the political ideas of Presidents Harding and Coolidge to the ideas of the Progressives. What were their ideas on the role of the federal government?