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Assessment Unit 5: “World War I and the 1920s”

Answer each of the following questions in a paragraph or two (250–350 words):

1. After reading President Woodrow Wilson’s war message to Congress in 1917 and considering his earlier Progressive policies, how do Wilson’s plans for a League of Nations and his domestic policies during World War I reflect the influence of Progressivism?
2. Historians often observe that war is a catalyst for social, political, and economic change. A catalyst is an agent that quickens a change or action. How did World War I in the United States quicken movements or historical trends of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries? What was the impact of this rapid acceleration of such trends into the 1920s?
3. Historians often refer to the 1920s as an age of reaction. A reactionary is someone who resists change and wishes to return to a political, social, and/or economic order of the past. In the 1920s, who were the reactionaries and what changes were they resisting?