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Mechanics of Rating

The procedures on page 2 are to be used in rating papers for this examination. More detailed directions for the organization of the rating process and procedures for rating the examination are included in the Information Booklet for Scoring the Regents Examination in Global History and Geography and United States History and Government.

Updated information regarding the rating of this examination may be posted on the New York State Education Department’s web site during the rating period. Visit the site at: http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/ and select the link “Scoring Information” for any recently posted information regarding this examination. This site should be checked before the rating process for this examination begins and several times throughout the Regents Examination period.
UNITED STATES HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

Rating the Essay Question

(1) Follow your school’s procedures for training raters. This process should include:

Introduction to the task—
- Raters read the task
- Raters identify the answers to the task
- Raters discuss possible answers and summarize expectations for student responses

Introduction to the rubric and anchor papers—
- Trainer leads review of specific rubric with reference to the task
- Trainer reviews procedures for assigning holistic scores, i.e., by matching evidence from the response to the rubric
- Trainer leads review of each anchor paper and commentary

Practice scoring individually—
- Raters score a set of five papers independently without looking at the scores and commentaries provided
- Trainer records scores and leads discussion until the raters feel confident enough to move on to actual rating

(2) When actual rating begins, each rater should record his or her individual rating for a student’s essay on the rating sheet provided, not directly on the student’s essay or answer sheet. The rater should not correct the student’s work by making insertions or changes of any kind.

(3) Each essay must be rated by at least two raters; a third rater will be necessary to resolve scores that differ by more than one point.

Rating the Scaffold (open-ended) Questions

(1) Follow a similar procedure for training raters.
(2) The scaffold questions are to be scored by one rater.
(3) The scores for each scaffold question must be recorded in the student’s examination booklet and on the student’s answer sheet. The letter identifying the rater must also be recorded on the answer sheet.
(4) Record the total Part III A score if the space is provided on the student’s Part I answer sheet.

Schools are not permitted to rescore any of the open-ended questions (scaffold questions, thematic essay, DBQ essay) on this exam after each question has been rated the required number of times as specified in the rating guides, regardless of the final exam score. Schools are required to ensure that the raw scores have been added correctly and that the resulting scale score has been determined accurately. Teachers may not score their own students’ answer papers.

The scoring coordinator will be responsible for organizing the movement of papers, calculating a final score for each student’s essay, recording that score on the student’s Part I answer sheet, and determining the student’s final examination score. The conversion chart for this examination is located at http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/ and must be used for determining the final examination score.
1a According to President Woodrow Wilson, what policy should the United States follow in response to war breaking out in Europe in 1914?

Score of 1:
- States the policy that President Woodrow Wilson thought the United States should follow in response to war breaking out in Europe in 1914
  
  Examples: neutrality; be neutral in fact as well as in name; be impartial in thought as well as in action/remain impartial/do not take sides; put a curb upon our sentiments/transactions that show preference to either side; behave in a way that does not show preference to either side

Score of 0:
- Incorrect response
  
  Examples: show preference to one side/party in the struggle; breach neutrality; do not conduct any transactions with our enemies; do not be impartial; send a message of partisanship

- Vague response
  
  Examples: speak a solemn word of warning; try men’s souls; send a message

- No response
1b Based on this chart, what conclusion can be drawn by comparing the value of United States exports to Germany to the value of exports to Great Britain between 1914 and 1916?

Score of 1:
- States a conclusion that can be drawn by comparing the value of exports to Germany to the value of exports to Great Britain between 1914 and 1916 as shown in this chart
  
  Examples: the value of goods exported to Great Britain increased while the value of goods exported to Germany decreased; in trade, the United States favored Great Britain over Germany; between 1914 and 1916, exports to Great Britain increased from $594,271,863 to $1,526,685,102 and exports to Germany decreased from $344,794,276 to $288,899; the United States exported more materials to Great Britain than to Germany

Score of 0:
- Incorrect response
  
  Examples: the United States exported more to Germany than to Great Britain; exports to Germany increased; exports to Great Britain decreased; the United States traded less with the Allies; Germany exported more goods to the United States/Great Britain/France
- Vague response
  
  Examples: exports increased; one increased/decreased more than the other; there were differences between 1914 and 1916
- No response
2a Based on this document, what was one response of President Woodrow Wilson to German submarine activities?

Score of 1:
- States one response of President Woodrow Wilson to German submarine activities based on this document
  - Examples: he resolved to avoid a rupture with Germany; he sent three vigorous notes to Germany; he sent strong protests to Germany; he took actions attempting to avoid war; Germany’s resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare in January 1917 led Wilson to seek a declaration of war; he stated that he was too proud to fight; he said, “the nation was so right it did not need to convince others by force that it is right.”

Score of 0:
- Incorrect response
  - Examples: in 1915 he resolved to break with Germany; he ordered submarine commanders to spare all large passenger liners; he ignored them; he convinced others by force; he angered bellicose nationalists
- Vague response
  - Examples: the United States was horrified; it was divided; he convinced others
- No response

… The United States was horrified [over the sinking of the Lusitania]. Yet few Americans wanted war, and, with the country divided, [President Woodrow] Wilson resolved to avoid a rupture with Germany. “There is such a thing as a man being too proud to fight,” the President said, to the disgust of Theodore Roosevelt and the bellicose [pro-war] nationalists. “There is such a thing as a nation being so right that it does not need to convince others by force that it is right.” Nonetheless, Wilson sent three vigorous notes. In June, Germany, fearing war with the United States, ordered submarine commanders to spare all large passenger liners, including those of the enemy, but in August a U-boat commander violated orders and sank a British White Star Liner, the Arabic, with the loss of two American lives. When Wilson sent an even stronger protest, Germany gave assurances that the Arabic incident would not be repeated, that no unresisting passenger ship would be sunk without warning or without care for the safety of passengers and crew…

2b According to William E. Leuchtenburg, what was \textit{one} assurance Germany gave to President Woodrow Wilson?

**Score of 1:**
- States \textit{one} assurance Germany gave to President Woodrow Wilson according to William E. Leuchtenburg
  
  \textit{Examples:} submarine commanders had been ordered to spare large passenger liners; the \textit{Arabic} incident would not be repeated; no unresisting passenger ship would be sunk without warning; no unresisting passenger ship would be sunk without care being taken for the safety of passengers and crew

**Score of 0:**
- Incorrect response
  
  \textit{Examples:} unrestricted submarine warfare would continue; American passenger liners would not be spared; the \textit{Arabic} incident would be repeated

- Vague response
  
  \textit{Examples:} made promises; care would be taken; would not be repeated; would not happen

- No response
… Congress passed, and Wilson signed, in June of 1917, the Espionage Act. From its title one would suppose it was an act against spying. However, it had a clause that provided penalties up to twenty years in prison for “Whoever, when the United States is at war, shall wilfully cause or attempt to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, or refusal of duty in the military or naval forces of the United States, or shall wilfully obstruct the recruiting or enlistment service of the U.S.…” Unless one had a theory about the nature of governments, it was not clear how the Espionage Act would be used. It even had a clause that said “nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or restrict…any discussion, comment, or criticism of the acts or policies of the Government…” But its double-talk concealed a singleness of purpose. The Espionage Act was used to imprison Americans who spoke or wrote against the war.


3 According to Howard Zinn, how did the Espionage Act affect civil liberty in the United States?

**Score of 1:**
- States how the Espionage Act affected civil liberty in the United States according to Howard Zinn
  - *Examples: it limited freedom of speech; it penalized critics of the government/war effort; it provided penalties up to twenty years in prison for willfully causing (or attempting to cause) insubordination/disloyalty/mutiny/refusing duty in the military or naval forces/obstructing military recruiting or enlistment; it imprisoned Americans who spoke/wrote against the war*

**Score of 0:**
- Incorrect response
  - *Examples: caused insubordination/disloyalty/mutiny; gave citizens additional rights; expanded freedom of speech; did not limit criticism of the acts of the government*
- Vague response
  - *Examples: passed by Congress; not clear; concealed a singleness of purpose*
- No response
4 According to the cartoonist, what issue is President Woodrow Wilson taking to the American people?

Score of 1:
• States the issue President Woodrow Wilson is taking to the American people according to the cartoonist
  Examples: joining the League of Nations; League of Nations; concern that the Senate would not approve joining the League of Nations

Score of 0:
• Incorrect response
  Examples: congressional/House approval; replacing Congress with the American people; United Nations; bypassing Congress
• Vague response
  Examples: talking to the boss; Senate; House; decisions
• No response
… [President Franklin D.] Roosevelt dwelt at length upon the threats to peace in various tinderboxes [hot spots] around the globe in his State of the Union speech in January 1936. “A point has been reached,” he said, “where the people of the Americas must take cognizance [recognition] of growing ill-will, of marked trends toward aggression, of increasing armaments, of shortening tempers—a situation which has in it many of the elements that lead to the tragedy of a general war.” He urged the continuation of “two-fold neutrality”: an embargo on the shipment of arms, munitions, and implements of war, combined with efforts to discourage belligerents from purchasing huge quantities of other American products such as oil and scrap iron that were of assistance to their war efforts. And he reiterated [repeated] his belief that the United States should serve as a beacon of liberty to mankind “and through example and all legitimate encouragement and assistance to persuade other Nations to return to the ways of peace and good will.” Speaking in Dallas at midyear, Roosevelt offered sympathy to the Europeans facing the threat of war but repeated his pledge of neutrality. “We want to help them all that we can,” he declared, “but they have understood very well…that help is going to be confined to moral help, and that we are not going to get tangled up with their troubles in days to come.”…


5 According to Nathan Miller, what were two ways President Franklin D. Roosevelt said the United States should respond to various threats to peace around the world in 1936?

Score of 2 or 1:
• Award 1 credit (up to a maximum of 2 credits) for each different way President Franklin D. Roosevelt said the United States should respond to various threats to peace around the world in 1936
  
  Examples: by placing an embargo on the shipment of arms/munitions/implements of war; discouraging belligerents from purchasing huge quantities of oil and scrap iron/materials that would be of assistance in their war efforts; the United States should serve as a beacon of liberty to mankind; the United States should serve as an example for peace/should encourage other nations to be peaceful; offer sympathy to the Europeans facing the threat of war; confine help to moral help; the United States should not get tangled up with European troubles; continue a two-fold neutrality; the public needs to be more aware of the growing danger of foreign aggression; pledge/maintain neutrality

Note: To receive maximum credit, two different ways President Roosevelt said the United States should respond to various threats to peace around the world in 1936 must be stated. For example, discouraging belligerents from purchasing huge quantities of oil and scrap iron and discouraging belligerents from purchasing materials that would be of assistance in their war efforts are the same response expressed in different words. In this and similar cases, award only one credit for this question.

Score of 0:
• Incorrect response
  
  Examples: ending neutrality; encouraging belligerents to purchase huge quantities of oil and scrap iron; called for aggression

• Vague response
  
  Examples: the United States should avoid things; dwell at length; reach a point

• No response
… If Great Britain goes down, the Axis powers will control the continents of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and the high seas—and they will be in a position to bring enormous military and naval resources against this hemisphere. It is no exaggeration to say that all of us, in all the Americas, would be living at the point of a gun—a gun loaded with explosive bullets, economic as well as military.…

The people of Europe who are defending themselves do not ask us to do their fighting. They ask us for the implements of war, the planes, the tanks, the guns, the freighters which will enable them to fight for their liberty and for our security. Emphatically we must get these weapons to them, get them to them in sufficient volume and quickly enough, so that we and our children will be saved the agony and suffering of war which others have had to endure.…

We must be the great arsenal of democracy. For us this is an emergency as serious as war itself. We must apply ourselves to our task with the same resolution, the same sense of urgency, the same spirit of patriotism and sacrifice as we would show were we at war.…

6 According to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, what should be one United States policy toward Great Britain?

Score of 1:
• States a policy toward Great Britain that the United States should adopt according to President Franklin D. Roosevelt
  
  Examples: to be the great arsenal of democracy; to supply war materials to Great Britain quickly; to treat Great Britain’s defense as though it were our own if we were at war; to give implements of war/planes/tanks/guns/freighters to the people of Europe who were defending themselves; to avoid war by supplying weapons to victims of aggression

Score of 0:
• Incorrect response
  
  Examples: to help the Axis powers; to do Europe’s fighting; to refuse to send war materials to Great Britain; to let Great Britain go down

• Vague response
  
  Examples: to save the agony/suffering of war; a spirit of patriotism/sacrifice; to apply ourselves

• No response
... In July, 1939, Secretary [of State Cordell] Hull sent notice that the United States would terminate its trade treaty with Japan on January 26, 1940. Ending that treaty did not stop trade with Japan, but it left Japan uncertain about America's future course. Conceivably, if Japan's actions displeased or harmed Americans enough the United States might, after ending the treaty, invoke drastic trade restrictions or bans. Beginning in July, 1940, the government made all exports of aviation fuel and high-grade scrap iron and steel subject to federal license and control. In September, 1940, after Japanese troops moved into northern Indochina, President [Franklin D.] Roosevelt announced an embargo on the export of scrap iron and steel to Japan. Officially the Administration acted to safeguard needed supplies of those vital materials for American defense needs, but it tightened the economic screws on Japan. At the same time, the United States loaned China $25 million and added another $100 million in November. In 1940–1941 the United States based its Navy fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, to serve as a deterrent to aggressive Japanese actions in the western Pacific....


7 According to Wayne S. Cole, what were two United States government actions directed toward Japan between 1939 and 1941?

Score of 2 or 1:
• Award 1 credit (up to a maximum of 2 credits) for each different United States government action directed toward Japan between 1939 and 1941 according to Wayne S. Cole
  Examples: terminated its trade treaty with Japan; by terminating its trade treaty with Japan, the United States made it possible to invoke drastic trade restrictions; made all exports of aviation fuel or high-grade scrap iron or steel subject to federal license and control; used trade restrictions to tighten the economic screws on Japan/ announced an embargo on the export of scrap iron or steel; loaned China $125 million; based its naval fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a deterrent

Note: To receive maximum credit, two different United States government actions directed toward Japan between 1939 and 1941 must be stated. For example, used trade restrictions to tighten the economic screws on Japan and announced an embargo on the export of scrap iron is the same action expressed in different words. In this and similar cases, award only one credit for this question.

Score of 0:
• Incorrect response
  Examples: stopped all trade with Japan; loaned them money; closed the Pearl Harbor naval base; Japan became uncertain
• Vague response
  Examples: sent notice; set a future course; acted to safeguard; served as a deterrent
• No response
8 Based on information from this map, what was one action taken by the federal government toward Japanese Americans during World War II?

Score of 1:
- States an action taken by the federal government toward Japanese Americans during World War II based on information provided by this map
  
  *Examples: Japanese Americans were sent from the Pacific/West Coast to relocation centers; Japanese Americans were restricted from areas of the West Coast; exclusion zones/restricted areas were established by the military along the Pacific/West Coast; placed them in relocation centers; moved them to Heart Mountain/Minidoka/Topaz/Tule Lake/Manzanar/Poston/Gila River/Granada/Rohwer/Jerome

Score of 0:
- Incorrect response
  
  *Examples: Japanese Americans were sent from the East Coast to relocation centers; moved them to the West Coast; moved them to areas in Texas; there were areas in South America
- Vague response
  
  *Examples: the military established; zones were established; there were centers/areas
- No response
President Franklin D. Roosevelt planned to attend the conference in San Francisco where a charter for the United Nations would be written. He died in April 1945, shortly before the conference began.

… Roosevelt at San Francisco was faced with a simpler task than Wilson at Paris. The conclave [meeting] in California was not to concern itself with the terms of peace but to mold the draft prepared at Dumbarton Oaks into a new charter for world organization. Unlike the League [of Nations] Covenant, the Dumbarton Oaks plan had been published well in advance, and critics had ample time for microscopic examination. In contrast with the secrecy at Paris, forty-two national organizations, including the National League of Women Voters, were invited to send consultants to San Francisco.

Most important of all, the new United Nations Charter was to stand on its own feet. Unlike the League Covenant, it was not to be shackled [tied] to the ball and chain of a punitive [punishing] peace treaty…


9 According to this passage, what was one way President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s efforts to create the United Nations avoided problems that President Woodrow Wilson faced when attempting to establish the League of Nations?

**Score of 1:**
- States a way President Franklin Roosevelt’s efforts to create the United Nations avoided problems that President Woodrow Wilson faced when attempting to establish the League of Nations according to this passage
  
  *Examples:* the United Nations charter, unlike the League covenant, was not tied to a harsh peace treaty; Roosevelt set it up so that the United Nations charter would stand on its own feet; the plan for the United Nations charter was separate from the terms of peace/the United Nations charter was set up to be reviewed/approved separately from the peace agreement; the plan was published well in advance; critics had ample time to examine the charter; forty-two national organizations were invited as consultants to San Francisco in contrast to the secrecy at Paris; by not doing things secretly/in secret

**Score of 0:**
- Incorrect response
  
  *Examples:* he dealt with the terms of peace at the California meeting; the meeting was kept a secret; he shackled it to the ball and chain of a punitive peace treaty; it was prepared at Dumbarton Oaks
- Vague response
  
  *Examples:* it stood in contrast to Wilson’s; he was faced with a task; he molded a draft; the meeting was held in San Francisco; simpler task
- No response
Historical Context:

Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt both faced the challenge of leading the United States during world wars. These challenges included establishing foreign policies prior to United States entry into the war, preserving civil liberties while protecting national security during the war, and planning a role for the United States in world affairs after the war.

Task: • Discuss the similarities and/or differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt in terms of their
— policies prior to entering the war
— actions affecting civil liberties during the war, and
— plans for the role of the United States in world affairs after the war

Scoring Notes:

1. This document-based question should discuss the similarities and/or differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt in terms of their policies prior to entering the war, their actions affecting civil liberties during the war, and their plans for the role of the United States in world affairs after the war.
2. The discussion may focus on only similarities between the presidencies, on only differences, or on a combination of similarities and differences; however, it should compare their policies prior to entering the war, their actions affecting civil liberties during the war, and their plans for the role of the United States in world affairs after the war.
3. The discussion should focus on specific similarities and/or differences between these two presidencies. The response should not focus on the presidencies separately without making clear comparisons about their prewar policies, their civil liberties actions, and their postwar plans.
4. The similarities or differences between the two presidencies may be discussed from differing perspectives as long as the positions taken are supported by accurate historical facts and examples.
5. For the purpose of meeting the criteria of using at least five documents in the response, documents 1a and 1b may be used as separate documents if the response uses specific separate facts from each document.
Score of 5:
• Thoroughly develops all comparisons in the task evenly and in depth by discussing the similarities and/or differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt in terms of their policies prior to entering the war, their actions affecting civil liberties during the war, and their plans for the role of the United States in world affairs after the war
• Is more analytical than descriptive (analyzes, evaluates, and/or creates* information), e.g., connects the similar challenges Wilson and Roosevelt faced in maintaining United States neutrality and the reasons for their shift toward intervention to the Supreme Court’s constitutional affirmation of their controversial policies restricting civil liberties and to their different strategies for gaining political support for their plans for the United States role in world affairs after the war
• Incorporates relevant information from at least five documents (see Key Ideas Chart)
• Incorporates substantial relevant outside information related to similarities and differences in their presidencies (see Outside Information Chart)
• Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme

Score of 4:
• Develops all comparisons in the task but may do so somewhat unevenly by discussing the similarities and/or differences between the presidencies of Wilson and Roosevelt for one comparison less thoroughly than for the other comparisons
• Is both descriptive and analytical (applies, analyzes, evaluates, and/or creates* information), e.g., discusses the similar challenges Wilson and Roosevelt faced in maintaining the nation’s neutrality, the criticism surrounding their approach to restricting civil liberties, and similar reasons for their commitment to postwar peacekeeping organizations
• Incorporates relevant information from at least five documents
• Incorporates relevant outside information
• Supports the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details
• Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that are beyond a restatement of the theme

Score of 3:
• Develops all comparisons in the task with little depth or develops at least two comparisons in the task in some depth
• Is more descriptive than analytical (applies, may analyze and/or evaluate information)
• Incorporates some relevant information from some of the documents
• Incorporates limited relevant outside information
• Includes some relevant facts, examples, and details; may include some minor inaccuracies
• Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that may be a restatement of the theme
Score of 2:
- Minimally develops all comparisons in the task or develops at least one comparison in the task in some depth
- Is primarily descriptive; may include faulty, weak, or isolated application or analysis
- Incorporates limited relevant information from the documents or consists primarily of relevant information copied from the documents
- Presents little or no relevant outside information
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details; may include some inaccuracies
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; may lack focus; may contain digressions; may not clearly identify which aspect of the task is being addressed; may lack an introduction and/or a conclusion

Score of 1:
- Minimally develops some comparisons in the task
- Is descriptive; may lack understanding, application, or analysis
- Makes vague, unclear references to the documents or consists primarily of relevant and irrelevant information copied from the documents
- Presents no relevant outside information
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, or details; may include inaccuracies
- May demonstrate a weakness in organization; may lack focus; may contain digressions; may not clearly identify which aspect of the task is being addressed; may lack an introduction and/or a conclusion

Score of 0:
Fails to develop the task or may only refer to the theme in a general way; OR includes no relevant facts, examples, or details; OR includes only the historical context and/or task as copied from the test booklet; OR includes only entire documents copied from the test booklet; OR is illegible; OR is a blank paper

*The term create as used by Anderson/Krathwohl, et al. in their 2001 revision of Bloom’s Taxonomy of Educational Objectives refers to the highest level of the cognitive domain. This usage of create is similar to Bloom’s use of the term synthesis. Creating implies an insightful reorganization of information into a new pattern or whole. While a Level 5 paper will contain analysis and/or evaluation of information, a very strong paper may also include examples of creating information as defined by Anderson and Krathwohl.

All sample student essays in this rating guide are presented in the same cursive font while preserving actual student work, including errors. This will ensure that the sample essays are easier for raters to read and use as scoring aids.

Raters should continue to disregard the quality of a student’s handwriting in scoring examination papers and focus on how well the student has accomplished the task. The content-specific rubric should be applied holistically in determining the level of a student's response.
### Policies Prior to Entering the War

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Impartiality in thought as well as in action  
Curb on sentiments and transactions that could be construed as a preference for one party or the other  
Decrease in exports to Germany  
Increase in exports to Great Britain, France, and Italy | **Doc 5**—Continuation of “two-fold neutrality”  
(embargo on shipment of arms, munitions, and implements of war combined with efforts to discourage belligerents from purchasing huge quantities of other American products such as oil and scrap iron)  
Serving as a beacon of liberty and an example to encourage, assist, and persuade other nations to return to ways of peace and good will  
Offer of sympathy and pledge of moral help to Europeans facing the threat of war  
Avoidance of getting “tangled up” in European problems |
| **Doc 2**—Resolution to avoid rupture with Germany  
Sending protest notes to Germany over sinking of *Lusitania* and *Arabic*  
Request for a declaration of war after Germany resumed submarine warfare in 1917 | **Doc 6**—Call to be the “great arsenal of democracy” (to send implements of war, planes, tanks, guns, freighters to the people of Europe) |
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Serving as a beacon of liberty and an example to encourage, assist, and persuade other nations to return to ways of peace and good will  
Offer of sympathy and pledge of moral help to Europeans facing the threat of war  
Avoidance of getting “tangled up” in European problems |
| **Doc 7**—Termination of trade treaty with Japan  
Implementation of drastic trade restrictions if Japan’s actions displeased or harmed Americans  
Federal license and control of exports of aviation fuel and high-grade scrap iron  
Loan of $125 million to China  
Basing of United States Navy fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii |

### Outside Information

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Difficulties in maintaining neutrality (sides taken by ethnic groups, close economic ties with England, pro-Allied sympathies of Wilson and his advisors)  
Protest of British violations of neutral rights (blockade, seized cargoes, armed merchant ships)  
Protest of German decision to use submarines to counter British policies (strict accountability)  
Insistence of right to sail on ships of belligerents  
Attempts at mediation  
Threat to cut diplomatic ties with Germany after *Sussex* incident  
Request of “armed neutrality” to defend American lives and commerce after interception of Zimmermann note  
Idealistic focus of war declaration “World must be made safe for democracy” | Support for Neutrality Acts (1935, 1936, 1937)  
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Dispatch of warships to Great Britain after fall of France (destroyers for bases)  
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Proposal of Lend-Lease after 1940 election  
Discussion of idea of “permanent system of general security” (Atlantic Charter conference)  
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Supreme Court upholding Espionage Act in *Schenck v. United States* (restriction of first amendment during time of war) | Issuance of Executive Order 9066 (fear of Japanese invasion after Pearl Harbor, fear of espionage, disloyalty, sabotage by Japanese Americans)  
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### Plans for the Role of the United States in World Affairs After the War

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| Hope that Fourteen Points would guide peace negotiations (no secret treaties, freedom of seas, removal of economic barriers, international peace organization)  
Importance of collective security for world peace in Fourteenth Point  
League of Nations as ultimate goal at Paris Conference/Treaty of Versailles  
Refusal to accept Lodge reservations; refusal to compromise with Senate  
Speaking tour of nation to counter Senate obstructionists and isolationists  
End of hope for United States membership in League of Nations with Senate failure to ratify Treaty of Versailles | Discussion of new international peace organization before and during war (Atlantic Charter conference, Teheran, Yalta)  
Public and congressional support for United States membership  
Continued United States leadership in United Nations activities |
Though the United States had made efforts to avoid European affairs and preserve neutrality throughout most of its history, the twentieth century brought world conflicts so severe that the U.S. was ultimately forced to intervene. Luckily, the U.S. had two notably strong leaders during these conflicts: President Woodrow Wilson during World War I and President Franklin D. Roosevelt during World War II. Both presidents were adept at guiding the U.S. through what would become dangerous conflicts because they maintained official neutrality prior to entering the war for as long as possible; both made the much-criticized decision of taking away civil liberties during wartime; and both envisioned the U.S. as part of a world-peace organization at the end of the respective conflicts. However, within their seemingly similar policies there were also marked differences that distinguished the two presidents from one another.

Prior to the twentieth century, the U.S. generally sought to avoid involvement in European affairs—From George Washington’s farewell address warning against permanent alliances to the Monroe Doctrine promoting isolation of the U.S. from Europe to the completion of Manifest Destiny to the Spanish-American War, the United States sought to limit European involvement in the Western hemisphere. However, at the same time the U.S. economy progressed (by the late 1800s it ranked top among industrial nations) and it became more interested in global markets. U.S. interaction with the rest of the world became inevitable, and as Europe broke out into war, the U.S. combined economic self-interests and its political tradition in its neutrality policies.

However, this does not mean by any stretch that the U.S. dove...
head-first into the dangerous waters of global conflict. On the contrary, both President Woodrow Wilson and President Franklin D. Roosevelt made attempts to steer clear of World War I and World War II, respectively. Both promoted neutrality when the conflicts broke out: Wilson feared taking sides, promoting full neutrality, and not wanting to threaten growing economic interest abroad and our recovery from a recession. We continued trading with the belligerents (Doc. 1a). However, U.S. exports to warring nations between 1914–1916 proved to show a bias, with significantly greater exports to the Allies (Doc. 1b).

Banks also gave loans to the Allies so they could keep buying American goods. These exports did include war materials, for although President Wilson refused to officially take sides, he did all he could to promote the Allied cause while retaining official neutrality because true neutrality would have been bad for Britain and might lead to a German victory. Likewise, President Franklin D. Roosevelt promoted a policy of “two-fold neutrality,” a combination of an embargo on war materials and a discouragement of trading materials related to war (Doc. 5). However, as Great Britain’s situation worsened, just like Woodrow Wilson he could not very well avoid trading war supplies. He asked Congress to allow for “cash and carry” and “lend-lease.” In fact, it was this trade that ultimately helped bring the U.S. out of the Great Depression and closer to involvement in war. Therefore, when FDR called upon the U.S. to supply Great Britain with war materials, the American people responded in different ways fearing involvement in another world war (Doc. 6). A difference was in the acts that finally led to war. For Wilson it was unrestricted submarine warfare, while for
Both Wilson and FDR also made the criticized decision of limiting civil liberties during wartime. Public opinion was not unanimous in support of World War I and dissent was not welcome. The passage of the Espionage Act during the Wilson administration prevented Americans from speaking out against the government by threatening to punish them with jail time hoping to keep the nation united. (Doc. 3). This garnered a similar response to that of Thomas Jefferson after the passage of the Alien and Sedition Acts during the Adams administration: some Americans including Eugene Debs were outraged at the limiting of their free speech and wrote and spoke out in protest, demanding their first amendment rights. While the Alien and Sedition Acts eventually expired, the Espionage Act was backed by the Supreme Court decision in Schenk v. United States, which held that during wartime, civil liberties can be limited for the sake of public safety. After Pearl Harbor and fears of an invasion President Roosevelt also limited civil liberties by ordering people of Japanese descent living on the West Coast out of exclusion zones and into internment camps (Doc. 8). While this is a clear limit on 14th amendment constitutional rights, it was upheld by the Supreme Court decision in Korematsu v. United States, which cited national security as the rationale. The Japanese suffered property and other losses when they were ordered to leave for the internment camps, and were denied basic rights while they were there. The main difference between Wilson and FDR regarding the limitation of civil liberties was the severity of the limitation. While Wilson generally limited freedom of speech and applied it to all Americans, FDR limited almost every freedom of
primarily one ethnic group in one region of the country. Both Wilson and FDR also held a similar view of the U.S. as a world peace leader after the wars. However, they went about establishing these peace organizations in different ways. Wilson successfully made his brainchild, the League of Nations, part of the Treaty of Versailles. Wilson had been forced to compromise on many of his Fourteen Points at Versailles, where he had negotiated without including prominent Republicans. When the peace treaty was opposed by leading Senate Republicans, Wilson tried to bypass them by taking the treaty straight to the people. But this effort failed. (Doc. 4). Membership in the League of Nations was criticized for its collective security guarantees, and due to a Republican-dominated Senate and a populace eager to return to “normalcy,” the treaty and thus the League was rejected, and the U.S. did not join. After WWII, the U.S. was more willing to join the United Nations for several reasons. For one, FDR was not as secretive about it: he opened it up early for discussion and made the American public more aware (Doc. 9). Also the U.S. learned lessons from the consequences of a League without U.S. participation—another world war. FDR had more public support for the United Nations than Wilson could create for the League of Nations.

Many historians will maintain that Wilson and FDR were strong presidents and controversial wartime leaders. However, they were different in the amount of executive power they carried: Wilson extended the control of the national government through his New Freedom reforms and FDR through the New Deal even before the outbreaks of war in Europe, and FDR extended it by running for and
winning third and fourth terms as president. They maintained many similarities, mainly their willingness to break the old neutrality and fight for what they believed was necessary to protect not only the American populace but the world, setting a precedent for global involvement that would carry through Cold War containment policies to today.
Anchor Level 5-A

The response:

- Thoroughly develops all comparisons in the task evenly and in depth by discussing the similarities and differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Is more analytical than descriptive (Wilson: he feared taking sides, promoting full neutrality and not wanting to threaten our recovery from a recession; exports to warring nations proved to show a bias; for Wilson unrestricted submarine warfare led to war; public opinion was not unanimous in support of World War I and dissent was not welcome; he limited freedom of speech and applied it to all Americans; Wilson tried to bypass them by taking the treaty straight to the people; Roosevelt: he promoted “two-fold neutrality”; as Great Britain’s situation worsened he like Wilson could not avoid trading war supplies; he limited almost every freedom of primarily one ethnic group; American people feared involvement in another world war; United States was more willing to join the United Nations because he made the American public more aware)
- Incorporates relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9
- Incorporates substantial relevant outside information (Wilson: United States banks gave loans to Allies so they could keep buying American goods; some Americans such as Eugene Debs were outraged at the limiting of their free speech and wrote and spoke out in protest demanding their first amendment rights; Espionage Act was backed by Supreme Court in Schenck which said during wartime civil liberties can be limited for the sake of public safety; League was criticized for its collective security guarantees; due to a Republican-dominated Senate and a populace eager to return to “normalcy” League was rejected and United States did not join; Roosevelt: he asked Congress to allow for cash and carry and lend-lease; trade ultimately helped bring the United States out of the Great Depression and closer to involvement in war; Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor led to war; Japanese exclusion was a clear limit on 14th amendment constitutional rights but was upheld by the Supreme Court in Korematsu which cited national security as the rationale; United States had learned lessons from consequences of a League without United States participation—another world war)
- Richly supports the theme with many relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: passage of Espionage Act prevented Americans from speaking out against government by threatening to punish them with jail time; Roosevelt: people of Japanese descent living on West Coast ordered into internment camps)
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction that discusses the similarities in policies of Wilson and Roosevelt but notes that there were marked differences that distinguished the two and a conclusion that discusses their similarities in protecting not only the American populace but also the world

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 5. A good historic context is established for an analytic evaluation of presidential decision making influenced by the evolution of economic and political realities. Details throughout the response support historic connections and contribute to thoughtful conclusions about presidential wartime leadership.
War has become commonplace throughout world history, and many were fought and won in very much the same manner. Under Presidents Wilson, during World War I, and Roosevelt, during World War II, the United States faced similar challenges in terms of the course of U.S. involvement. Wilson and Roosevelt took similar stances at almost every turn, whether it was pre-war policy, actions during the war, or post-war peace solutions.

Neutrality dominated the mindsets of both Wilson and Roosevelt when both saw a war break out in Europe. Wilson continued to trade with the Allies, however, and began to trade less with Germany as the British navy upheld its blockade. The exports to Great Britain tripled from over $594 million to over $1.5 billion, while exports to Germany decreased from over $300 million to almost $300,000. (Doc 1) Wilson was focused on keeping the U.S. out of war, even when American lives were being lost to Germany’s unrestricted submarine warfare. He thought the U.S. should serve as an example and knew the country had little interest in becoming involved in a European war. To these outrageous acts of violence Wilson wrote angry letters telling the Germans to stop. (Doc 2) Germany would apologize and promise it would not happen again, but then it did. When the Germans resumed unrestricted submarine warfare and the Zimmermann Note was made public, Wilson gave in to war. At first Roosevelt saw the need to limit munitions trade with warring nations. A “two-fold neutrality” was enacted which limited the selling and shipping of arms and munitions to countries at war. (Doc 5) However, as WWII continued and the democratic future of Europe was threatened, Roosevelt realized the importance of supplying Great Britain, justifying that helping
them was a way of keeping the U.S. out of war. Roosevelt set forth a series of policies to help aid Great Britain and the allies. The lend-lease act allowed the Allies to “borrow” war materials and weapons. The Destroyers for Bases policy allowed the British to trade their bases in the Caribbean for war ships. Earlier, the Cash-Carry Act had allowed nations at war to purchase whatever goods they needed as long as they came and picked it up themselves. Roosevelt had learned lessons from the submarine warfare of WWI and had supported stronger neutrality laws. But as circumstances changed, so did his policies.

Once America had entered the war the policy of protecting civil liberties of American citizens changed. To ensure the government was not harassed and its war policies criticized, Wilson supported passage of the Espionage Act, which made it illegal to be insubordinate or mutinous toward the Government or its actions. (Doc 3). Dissenters opposed to the war would be prosecuted so they could not interfere with public support for the war. To justify the government’s power during wartime, the supreme court upheld its constitutionality in Schenck vs. U.S, which stated that individual liberties guaranteed in the first amendment could be limited if there was a “clear and present danger.” Roosevelt also made it clear that the security of America took precedence over an individual. He ordered West Coast Japanese into internment camps in order to minimize the potential threat of an invasion helped by those of Japanese descent. (Doc 8) This forced relocation caused great hardship in the Japanese American community and a court case was filed. In the case of Korematsu v U.S the Supreme Court ruled that the exclusion from the West Coast
was constitutional and individual liberties may be limited in a time of national crisis. Overall, both men suspended civil liberties on the basis that it would protect America as a whole. When both wars began to come to a close, peace plans were at the forefront of Wilson’s and Roosevelt’s minds. As the basis for a peace treaty Wilson had a 14 Point Plan to help restore peace and bring the world into a better balance. The plan included principles such as Freedom of the Sea’s, National Self-determination and a 14th point, a League of Nations which was to keep peace throughout the world. However, to Wilson’s dismay the European Nations fought against many of his ideas in their desire for a harsher peace, but the League of Nations was included in the treaty. Due in part to the determination of Wilson’s political opponent Senator Henry Cabot Lodge the U.S. did not even join it, leaving the League weak. Wilson did not want changes in the treaty, as he feared reopening other issues besides the League. Roosevelt had similar plans to create a conglomerate of nations to help maintain peace. Unlike Wilson, Roosevelt drafted the charter far in advance and had given people a chance to criticize and make suggestions to the document. (Doc 9) With many Americans and Congress believing the U.S. had to stay involved, the U.S. joined the United Nations after the war and is still a member today. In the end, both Wilson and Roosevelt took similar courses of action when preparing for, going through, and ending war. Without their good judgment either of the wars may have been a disaster for the United States. Luckily, great minds were involved, and the World Wars were handled by two capable men.
The response:
• Thoroughly develops all comparisons in the task evenly and in depth by discussing the similarities and differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
• Is more analytical than descriptive (*Wilson:* he was focused on keeping us out of war even when American lives were being lost to Germany’s unrestricted submarine warfare; he thought we should serve as an example and knew the country had little interest in becoming involved in a European war; to ensure that the government was not harassed and its war policies criticized he supported the Espionage Act; *Roosevelt:* he saw the need to limit munitions trade; as World War II continued and democratic Europe was threatened he realized the importance of supplying Great Britain, justifying it as a way to help keep the U.S. out of war; he made it clear that the security of America took precedence when he ordered West Coast Japanese into internment camps)
• Incorporates relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9
• Incorporates substantial relevant outside information (*Wilson:* he continued to trade with the Allies but less with Germany as the British navy upheld its blockade; when Germans resumed unrestricted submarine warfare and the Zimmermann Note was made public he gave into war; the Supreme Court justified the government’s power in *Schenck* stating that individual liberties guaranteed in the first amendment could be limited if there was a “clear and present danger”; as the basis for a peace treaty he had a Fourteen Point Plan to help restore peace and bring the world into a better balance; due in part to the determination of his political opponent Senator Lodge, the United States did not join the League leaving it weak; *Roosevelt:* Lend-Lease allowed Allies to “borrow” war materials and weapons; the destroyers for bases deal allowed British to trade their bases for war ships; cash and carry had allowed nations at war to purchase whatever goods they needed as long as they picked it up; he wanted to minimize the threat of an invasion helped by American citizens; in *Korematsu* the Supreme Court ruled the exclusion from the West Coast was constitutional and individual liberties may be limited in time of national crisis; he drafted his charter in advance to give people a chance to criticize and make suggestions; the United States joined the United Nations after the war and is still a member because many Americans and Congress believed the United States had to stay involved)
• Richly supports the theme with many relevant facts, examples, and details (*Wilson:* exports to Great Britain tripled while those to Germany decreased; *Roosevelt:* “two-fold neutrality” limited the selling and shipping of arms and munitions to countries at war)
• Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that discusses the similar wartime challenges and courses of action faced by Wilson and Roosevelt

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 5. A historically supported evaluation contributes to thoughtful comparisons regarding the impact of changing circumstances and lessons learned from past presidential decision making. The discussion of limits on civil liberties effectively compares the two presidents and the role of key Supreme Court decisions.
Both Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt were forced to cope with both the international and domestic issues of war during their presidency. Both World War I, during Wilson's time, and World War II, while Roosevelt was president, significantly changed the world and the American role in international affairs. Both Presidents faced the issues of their terms by first attempting neutrality, and by, after being dragged into war, attempting to create a lasting peace. Through their efforts to “secure the world for democracy” both presidents were also forced to abandon some basic liberties of the American people. Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt both succeeded in war but failed in prevailing peace afterward.

Since the times of Washington and his farewell address, the United States had strived to limit its involvement in world affairs. During World War I and World War II both Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt attempted to keep the United States neutral. Both failed. President Wilson warned the American people that any involvement or any attempt to choose sides would be dangerous (document 1). Many Americans agreed with this policy, though more recent immigrants were likely to side with their country of origin. The progressives and reformers of the early 20th century were convinced that the United States should be concerned with its own domestic problems. However pro-war advocates, such as Theodore Roosevelt, distained Wilson's neutral stance (document 2). Franklin Roosevelt also remained firmly neutral through the beginning of World War II, stating that American support should be limited to “moral support” only (document 5). His actions were also supported by the majority of the American populace, who were disillusioned by the failure of World
War I to create a better world. Americans of the 1930s were also facing a great menace at home, the Great Depression. Wilson’s neutrality was limited, however. He continued to ship goods to warring nations, and by 1916 had already sided with the Allies economically (document 1). Roosevelt, on the other hand, was determined to not repeat Wilson’s mistakes, and promised that neutrality meant no shipment of arms or munition to belligerent nations (document 5). He also tied the United States to the Allies economically when their situation worsened.

Both Wilson and Roosevelt also pursued peace politically. Wilson offered strong disapproval in diplomatic notes after the sinking of the Lusitania and the use of unrestricted submarine warfare by the Germans. (document 2) Roosevelt initially supported the policy of appeasement to Hitler’s increasing demands during the 1930s until after the Munich Conference, when events in Czechoslovakia made him realize that was not an effective strategy. Once war broke out over Poland, Roosevelt moved to get more aid to Britain, hoping to keep us out of war.

The most important similarity between Wilson’s and Roosevelt’s neutrality policies is that both failed. Both Wilson and Roosevelt eventually declared war and entered the international conflicts of their times. Wilson was pushed to war after years of diplomacy when the Germans failed to keep their word. Roosevelt was also forced into war following the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941. During the following years of turmoil and war, both presidents were forced to make difficult decisions concerning the homefront. Economic action that mobilized the entire nation was enacted in both cases. In the face
of involvement in a world war both Roosevelt and Wilson took actions that limited civil liberties. Wilson’s most controversial issue was his Espionage Act of 1917 and the Sedition Act of 1918 which effectively criminalized any writing or speaking out against the war or government (document 3). In the Schenck case the court upheld Wilson’s actions. In response to the threat of spies and other subversive activities at home, Roosevelt also approved a very controversial order which resulted in the internment of Japanese Americans. (document 8). The order was even challenged and the Korematsu case went to the Supreme Court. However the court upheld Roosevelt’s actions. Both actions represent limiting of civil liberties during wartime when national security was at risk.

Another similarity between Roosevelt and Wilson is in their attempt to make lasting peace after the war. Wilson’s plan came in the form of the 14 points which argued for reduction of arms, peace without victory and most importantly the League of Nations. Worried that the Versailles Treaty which included the League would not be ratified by the Senate, Wilson took the issue to the American people (document 4). His inability to compromise with republicans ultimately led to its failure to be ratified, though the League was created and joined by other nations. Wilson’s hope for eternal peace was crushed by the unfair peace treaty and the rise of fascism in the 1930s. Roosevelt tried to avoid the problems of Wilson through his creation of the United Nations as a separate treaty and by making his plan public (document 9). Roosevelt was successful in creating a United Nations, but not even this peace organization could prevent the outbreak of the Cold War immediately following World War II.
Both President Woodrow Wilson and President Franklin Roosevelt strove for peace. Their policies of neutrality and their commitment to worldwide peace organizations show their true commitment to world peace. However, both presidents were drawn into war. Their policies of neutrality were crushed by direct attack from belligerent nations. By entering World War I and World War II, Wilson and Roosevelt abandoned peace and, as it turned out, civil liberties. The freedoms promised to Americans by the Bill of Rights were significantly curtailed by the wartime policies of these two presidents. However, after the final peace talks, both presidents attempted to use their influence to insure lasting peace throughout the world. In their own eras, both Franklin Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson shaped history through their policies.
The response:

- Develops all comparisons in the task by discussing the similarities and differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Is both descriptive and analytical (Wilson: he warned American people that any involvement would be dangerous and many agreed; by 1916 had already sided with Allies economically; Espionage and Sedition Acts effectively criminalized writing or speaking out against the war or government; he worried that the Versailles Treaty which included the League would not be ratified by the Senate and took the issue to the American people; Roosevelt: he remained firmly neutral stating that American support should be limited to “moral support”; determined not to repeat Wilson’s mistakes he promised that neutrality meant no shipment of arms or munitions to belligerent nations; he tied the United States to the Allies economically when their situation worsened; he tried to avoid Wilson’s problems through his creation of the United Nations as a separate treaty and by making his plan public)
- Incorporates relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9
- Incorporates relevant outside information (Wilson: Progressives and reformers of the early 20th century were convinced the United States should be concerned with domestic problems; he was pushed to war after years of diplomacy when Germans failed to keep their word; Schenck case upheld his actions; Fourteen Points argued for reduction of arms, peace without victory, and most importantly the League; his inability to compromise with Republicans ultimately led to the League’s failure to be ratified although it was joined by other nations; Roosevelt: majority of American populace was disillusioned by failure of World War I to create a better world; Americans of the 1930s were facing a great menace at home, the Great Depression; he initially supported the policy of appeasement to Hitler’s increasing demands until after the Munich Conference, when events in Czechoslovakia made him realize it was not an effective strategy; he was forced into war following the bombing of Pearl Harbor; he responded to the threat of spies and other subversive activities at home by approving a controversial order upheld by Korematsu; he was successful in creating the United Nations)
- Supports the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: offered strong disapproval in diplomatic notes after sinking of Lusitania and use of unrestricted submarine warfare by Germans; Roosevelt: Japanese Americans interned)
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and conclusion that discusses similarities between Wilson and Roosevelt in how they coped with war

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 4. Relevant historic facts and concepts are used to support document interpretation in the assessment of both prewar periods. While good conclusions appear throughout the response, additional outside information about Roosevelt’s actions involving civil liberties and the postwar role of the United States would have strengthened the discussion.
The first half of the 20th century was an era embroiled in war. At first glance, the two World Wars that erupted seem remarkably similar, and indeed the actions of their two respective American leaders followed policies that were strikingly alike. However, despite the great continuities in President Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt's approaches to policy prior to entry into the war, restriction of civil liberties, and world affairs postwar, they differed greatly in the ultimate success of the latter, which would have a powerful impact on their legacies.

In each case, the war that erupted between the European alliances seemed an affair separate from American interests at the outset. Therefore, both leaders opted for what was, officially, a policy of neutrality: In his August 19 message to the Senate, Wilson spoke passionately against any “breach of neutrality.” just as FDR maintained as the best path for the US some two decades later. At the same time, however, war presented economic opportunities that were difficult to ignore. As a country pre-dominantly Anglo-Saxon in origin and sympathies, Americans in general favored the side of the British in both cases. Thus, even as the President spoke in favor of political neutrality, through trade and exports, the US acted as an unofficial ally to its preferred side. For instance, The American Pageant’s table entitled “United States Exports to Warring Nations” displays exports to the Allies that greatly outstrip those to Germany especially as the war went on. FDR, too, encouraged America to be the “arsenal of democracy” and provide firearms and implements of war to the Allies in World War II in his Radio Address, “Our National Security.” These words did not fall on hollow ears; with this new found
economic stimulus, the American economy boomed, pulling it out of the desperate unemployment struggle of the Great Depression at last. Overall, then, both American leaders campaigned publicly for neutrality but allowed for economic support of the democratic powers against Germany, their ideological enemy. Unfortunately for American soldiers, however, these proclamations of neutrality could not last. In both World War I and World War II, unprovoked attacks on American ships would lead the President to declare war, a second similarity. The methods and instigators of aggression differed; in the case of the first war, as described by Leuchtenburg in the Perils of Prosperity, Wilson issued “vigorous” protests against the sinking of passenger ships carrying Americans by German submarines, and in the second the Japanese carried out their infamous 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor to great American anger. Though the situations were hardly similar, the meaning was the same, and the US was driven to join the increasingly global conflicts in order to protect its own interests and people.

Even as the war was being conducted, both Wilson and Roosevelt took actions that gravely violated civil liberties, to a great public outcry. This is exemplified in World War I by Howard Zinn’s analysis of the Espionage Act of 1917, which violated freedom of speech guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution, and in World War II by Roosevelt’s highly controversial executive order leading to the “relocation” of Japanese and Japanese-Americans to internment camps, as in the map in Time Magazine on May 16, 1942. Though perhaps more shocking in the latter case from a contemporary view, both actions are difficult to justify considering
their negative connotations for life and liberty in America. Both actions were recommended as ways to keep the home front safe but both were the result of fear and intolerance. Equating disagreement with disloyalty and a racial minority with being a threat to national security potentially endangered the rights of all Americans.

Even at the wars’ conclusions, Wilson and Roosevelt held similar democratic ideals close to heart but with radically different results. One of Wilson’s most fervently advocated portions of his Fourteen Points was a covenant for an international peacekeeping organization, which came to be as the League of Nations. However, due to domestic dissent and personal illness, Wilson’s speaking campaign to gain support for the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles through appeals to the people displayed in a 1919 Chicago News Cartoon came to an inopportune end, and it was not ratified by the Senate in its nation of origin. Without the U.S. the league was painfully ineffective. In contrast, Roosevelt’s establishment of a similar organization, the United Nations, was a resounding success. As described by Thomas A. Bailey, it avoided problems of secrecy, poor planning and treaty obligations that had crippled its predecessor and survives even today as an international organization.

For most of both World War I and World War II, the U.S Presidents attempted to support democracy and peace through similar methodology. Only at the very end, with Roosevelt’s success in establishing a peacekeeping force, did this differ, giving FDR a positive legacy for the future that Wilson would lack.
Anchor Level 4-B

The response:
• Develops all comparisons in the task by discussing the similarities and differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
• Is more analytical than descriptive (Wilson/Roosevelt: war that erupted between European alliances seemed separate from American interests and both leaders officially opted for a policy of neutrality; even as both presidents spoke in favor of political neutrality, through trade and exports the United States acted as an unofficial ally to the British side; in both world wars unprovoked attacks on American ships would lead the president to declare war; both the Espionage Act and the relocation of Japanese Americans were recommended as ways to keep the home front safe but both were the result of fear and intolerance; equating disagreement with disloyalty and a racial minority with being a threat to national security potentially endangered the rights of all Americans; Wilson: he fervently advocated the League of Nations portion of the Fourteen Points; Roosevelt: he encouraged America to be “the arsenal of democracy” and provide firearms and implements of war to the Allies; he avoided problems of secrecy, poor planning, and treaty obligations that had crippled the League)
• Incorporates relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9
• Incorporates relevant outside information (as a country predominantly Anglo-Saxon in origin and sympathies, Americans in general favored British in both cases; Wilson: Espionage Act violated freedom of speech guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution; due to domestic dissent and personal illness his speaking campaign to gain support for the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles through appeals to the people came to an inopportune end and was not ratified by the Senate; without the United States, the League was painfully ineffective; Roosevelt: with the newfound economic stimulus, the American economy boomed pulling it out of the desperate unemployment struggle of the Great Depression; Japan carried out infamous 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor to great American anger; even today United Nations is an international organization)
• Supports the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: exports to Allies greatly outstrip those to Germany, especially as war went on; protested sinking of passenger ships carrying Americans by German submarines; Roosevelt: Japanese and Japanese Americans were relocated to internment camps)
• Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that although Wilson and Roosevelt were similar in many ways they differed greatly in their postwar accomplishments

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 4. Document information is used to frame the discussion. A good understanding of the task is demonstrated in the integration of outside information with evidence from the documents. Analytic conclusions about similarities and differences present a thoughtful appraisal, however, the inclusion of more facts and details would have strengthened the discussion.
Some presidents have easier presidencies than others. Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt were not among those lucky few. Each faced a World War - World War I and World War II, respectively. They were bombarded with decisions, policies, and a looming threat to their country's well-being from foreign countries. Wilson and Roosevelt both followed similar policies. Both advocated neutrality for a time (Documents 1a, 2, 5, and 7), both eventually declared war, and both took stringent domestic wartime policies concerning civil liberties (Documents 3 and 8). Wilson and Roosevelt also had their own ideas in America's role in global affairs after the war, evident in the League of Nations and the Dumbarton Oaks plan. (Documents 4 and 9.)

In 1914, Wilson was shocked out of his Progressive Era ideals when the First World War (then known as the “Great War”) broke out. He established a policy of neutrality (Doc 1a). However, his neutrality could be considered unequal in many cases. For example, although he sent both Great Britain and Germany exports, the number of exports sent to Great Britain was significantly larger than the number sent to Germany. (Document 1b.) This difference only increased as the war continued. As the war went on Wilson became less and less neutral, playing on Germany’s fear of the United States entering the war. After repeated warnings to Germany about the use of unrestricted submarine warfare and repeated broken promises, the United States finally entered the war in 1917 on the side of the Allies. (Document 2)

Roosevelt also preached neutrality during the first years of the second World War. He, like Wilson before him, did not want to enter the war immediately. although he was concerned with the growing threat of communism and facism. Instead of intervening militarily, he
enforced the Neutrality Acts and issued embargos on “implements of war” to belligerent countries and discouraged the countries, in question, from buying materials from the US that would help them in their war effort. (Document 5) Later on, he warned that if the US allowed Great Britain to fall because of lack of aid from the US, all the Americas would be more vulnerable than ever and encouraged an increase in aid. (Doc. 6) Between 1939-1941, the United States also threatened a trade embargo on Japan and moved a naval fleet to Pearl Harbor, hoping to ward off threats of a Japanese attack in the western Pacific. (Document 7) This did not work and Congress declared war against Japan after its attack on Pearl Harbor.

Wilson and Roosevelt enacted acts and laws that restricted several important civil liberties in the United States. “Desperate times call for desperate measures,” would have been an apt explanation for these war measures. When the nation is at war it is important that people are willing to serve in the military and that the nation supports the president. Wilson’s “Espionage Act of 1917” was one of the most well-known acts to encourage support for the president’s policies. It severely affected the freedom of speech and freedom of press laws guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. The Espionage Act was very vague, but the penalties were clear. One could be imprisoned for up to twenty years if he or she spoke or wrote against the war, refused the draft, or otherwise impeded the war effort. (Document 3)

Roosevelt was infamous for the internment of Japanese Americans during the 2nd World War. Thousands of Japanese Americans were rounded up, sent to internment camps after being taken from exclusion zones along the West Coast and moved to areas further
inland. All of this was done without much explanation and a complete disregard for American citizens’ rights. (Doc. 8). Property and other possessions were lost even as Japanese Americans volunteered and fought heroically as part of the American military in Europe.

After both World Wars, there was a prevailing sentiment of hope. Wilson set his eyes and his dreams on his Fourteen Points, which included the League of Nations. He felt that he could shape a new world order with these two things, to ensure peace and prosperity throughout the world. However, it was clouded with disagreements, secrecy and suspicion, tied into the peace treaty. The American people were generally not in favor of the treaty and the United States did not enter the League of Nations. (Document 4) The Senate would not accept a permanent commitment to aid other nations, seeing the League as guaranteeing our participation in future wars. The idea of the League eventually evolved into our modern-day United Nations. Roosevelt oversaw the development of a charter for the United Nations, which had sprung from the experience of a weak League of Nations. This plan was more successful, being a more open process. The Dumbarton Oaks plan’s purpose was to make the charter. Critics had had plenty of opportunity to review and assess it and it stood alone, not attached to a treaty. (Document 9) Roosevelt had learned from Wilson’s mistakes with the League and succeeded in creating the United Nations.

Wilson and Roosevelt managed to bring the United States through two world wars, coming out more prosperous than before each time. Many of their actions we condemn today, but we must always keep in mind that we know what happened, while they stumbled blindly into what is now our great history.
Anchor Level 4-C

**The response:**

- Develops all comparisons in the task by discussing the similarities between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Is both descriptive and analytical (*Wilson:* repeated warnings were made to Germany about unrestricted submarine warfare; one could be imprisoned for up to twenty years if he/she spoke or wrote against the war, refused the draft, or otherwise impeded the war effort; his efforts for the League were clouded with disagreements, secrecy, and suspicion tied into the peace treaty; *Roosevelt:* instead of intervening militarily, he enforced the Neutrality Acts and issued embargoes on “implements of war” to belligerent countries and discouraged them from buying materials that could help their war effort; he warned if we allowed Britain to fall because of lack of aid, the Americas would be more vulnerable; internment was done without much explanation and a complete disregard for rights of American citizens; critics had plenty of opportunity to review and assess the charter and it stood alone)
- Incorporates some relevant information from all of the documents
- Incorporates relevant outside information (*Wilson:* he played on Germany’s fear of the United States entering the war; United States finally entered war on Allies side; Espionage Act severely affected freedom of speech and press guaranteed by Bill of Rights; his Fourteen Points included the League; American people generally not in favor of peace treaty and United States did not enter the League; Senate would not accept a permanent commitment to aid other nations; *Roosevelt:* he was concerned about the growing threat of communism and fascism; Japanese attack in the western Pacific; Congress declared war against Japan)
- Includes relevant facts, examples, and details (*Wilson:* number of exports sent to Great Britain significantly larger than those sent to Germany; *Roosevelt:* United States threatened a trade embargo on Japan and moved a naval fleet to Pearl Harbor; thousands of Japanese Americans rounded up and sent to camps after being taken from exclusion zones along West Coast)
- Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction that states Wilson and Roosevelt were not among the lucky few to have easy presidencies and a conclusion stating that both managed to bring the United States through world wars coming out more prosperous

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 4. Comparisons are developed with analytic conclusions and outside references supporting details of Wilson’s and Roosevelt’s leadership. Treatment of information demonstrates a good understanding of the documents and the difficulties faced by presidents during wartime.
Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt both faced the challenge of leading the United States during the world wars. They both had to make decisions involving foreign policy, preserving civil liberties, national security and the United States involvement in world affairs.

Woodrow Wilson was President during World War I. When the war erupted in Europe President Wilson responded by remaining neutral. In a message to U.S Senate he said they should not take sides. Although Wilson said this, the value of U.S exports to the warring nations increased from 1914 to 1916 for Great Britain more than for Germany. President Wilson seemed to worry more about the war when the Germans were using the new weapon called U-boats to attack ships. The Germans attacked a French passenger ship — the Lusitania which killed Americans. Wilson protested the German’s unrestricted submarine warfare and in the mid 1910’s signed the Sussex Pledge with Germany that ensured the Germans would not use unrestricted submarine warfare. In 1916 the Germans broke the pledge, hoping to limit U.S. shipments of weapons to Great Britain.

In 1917 the U.S. broke with Germany ending neutrality and joined Britain, France, and Italy in WWI. Some people did not agree with the war and spoke up about its injustices, violating the Espionage Act. A gentleman named Schneck put out pamphlets about the wrongs of the war and in his case against the U.S the Supreme Court ruled against him. The Espionage Act that Wilson implemented and this Supreme Court decision showed that individual liberties would be sacrificed to protect national security. After the war was won against Germany Wilson had a plan for world peace. In his speech to Congress,
called Wilson’s 14 points, Wilson wanted free trade, freedom of seas, and the reduction of armaments. The most important thing he wanted was the League of Nations. This League would discuss issues and find solutions to problems. The Senate did not accept the League of Nations because they felt it was an entangling alliance. They were also upset that Wilson did not take any of them to Paris to discuss this. Because the Senate would not allow the League, Wilson appealed to the American People. The League of Nations did happen, most countries agreed and signed the treaty making them a part of it except the U.S. did not.

Like Wilson President Franklin D. Roosevelt was faced with war. Similarly when the war erupted Roosevelt opted for neutrality. He did not want the U.S to get involved in war and said he would persuade nations to return to peace. Even though the U.S was not going to take sides Roosevelt aided the allies with the cash and carry Act and the Lend and Lease Act. Cash and carry aided the warring nations, but only Britain had the shipping and navy to take advantage of it. Lend and Lease allowed Britain to borrow equipment to fight the Germans. Japan was part of the League of nations and when they invaded China-Manchuria the U.S condemned them. Japan left the League and was a threat. Roosevelt enacted an Embargo Act on Japan. U.S. would not export iron and steel to Japan and would end the trade treaty. In response Japan attacked at Pearl harbor and U.S entered the war. For fear that the Japanese Americans were spies or could try to interfere with the war Roosevelt limited the civil liberties of the Japanese Americans. The Japanese living on the West Coast in America were put in relocation centers in different sections of the U.S. Roosevelt
followed Wilson in limiting civil liberties but unlike Wilson he limited the liberties of the U.S. citizens who might be disloyal based on their ethnic background.

Roosevelt's plan for the U.S. in world affairs was similar to Wilson's promotion of world peace. The Dumbarton Oaks plan also promoted peace. Details about the United Nations were published in advance so that critics and others could examine it. Many national organizations were invited to send consultants to examine the plan. This proved more favorable unlike Wilson's plan for the League that was overshadowed by arguments over the Treaty and attendance at the Paris peace conference. Roosevelt had the advantage over Wilson as the creation of the UN was not linked to treaties ending WWII.

Wilson and Roosevelt had similarities and differences when dealing with the wars. They both responded to the wars with neutrality but also helped our future allies. They differ in who the civil liberties were limited to and how they presented their vision for America. Both wanted what was best for the U.S.
The response:

- Develops all comparisons in the task with little depth by discussing the similarities and differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Is more descriptive than analytical (Wilson: when war erupted in Europe he responded by remaining neutral; he seemed to worry more about war when Germans were using U-boats to attack ships; Roosevelt: there was fear that Japanese Americans were spies or could try to interfere with the war; he limited civil liberties of citizens who might be disloyal based on ethnic background; details about United Nations published in advance so that critics and others could examine them)
- Incorporates some relevant information from all of the documents
- Incorporates relevant outside information (Wilson: Sussex Pledge ensured the Germans would not use unrestricted submarine warfare; Germany broke the pledge hoping to limit shipments of weapons to Britain; in 1917 United States ended neutrality and joined Britain, France, and Italy in World War I; Espionage Act and Schenck decision showed individual liberties would be sacrificed to protect national security; Fourteen Points wanted free trade, freedom of seas, reduction of armaments, and the League; Senate felt the League was an entangling alliance; Roosevelt: cash and carry aided warring nations but only Great Britain had the shipping and navy to take advantage; Lend-Lease allowed Britain to borrow equipment to fight; Japan part of League and when they invaded Manchuria United States condemned them; Japan attacked Pearl Harbor and United States entered the war)
- Includes some relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: value of United States exports from 1914 to 1916 increased more for Great Britain than Germany; Americans killed when Germany sunk Lusitania; protested Germany’s unrestricted submarine warfare; Roosevelt: United States did not export iron and steel to Japan and ended trade treaty; Japanese living on West Coast put in relocation centers; many national organizations invited to send consultants to examine plan for United Nations; includes some minor inaccuracies (Wilson: Lusitania a French ship; Wilson signed the Sussex Pledge; Germany broke the Sussex Pledge in 1916)
- Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction that is a restatement of the theme and a conclusion that summarizes similarities and differences between Wilson and Roosevelt

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 3. The organization of the response establishes a framework for a comparative approach; however, the development is characterized by statements of fact. An understanding of presidential actions is demonstrated and is supported by the inclusion of relevant supporting outside information.
The decisions made by our leaders during the world wars greatly affected our history and the world. President Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt made great strides to protect our national security and our future. Both had similarities and differences in their strategy to combat the issue of war. Both made the United States more involved in world affairs today.

The issue both Presidents faced was whether or not to enter any of the world wars. Both President Woodrow Wilson and Roosevelt felt remaining neutral and not involving themselves in European affairs was the best solution. Wilson himself stated that “the United States must be neutral in fact as well as in name…” for entering the war was not something he or the American people wanted (Doc 1a). Wilson wasn’t very strict on his neutrality though. As WW1 continued exports to Germany decreased as they greatly increased for Great Britain (Doc 1b). The U.S. still favored Great Britain and its allies and were not very neutral in trade. It raises the question if Germany was wrong to sink merchant ships. In response to the destruction of passenger and merchant ships Wilson wrote notes to the German leadership and made strong protests against their actions (Doc 2). Germany promised to stop the attacks, but later broke their promise leading to the U.S. entering the war. As stated before Roosevelt also supported neutrality. His actions before the war (WWII) were more drastic than Wilson’s. He put trade embargo’s on Japan fearing their increasing aggressiveness toward other nations and their possible threat to the United States and stationed the U.S. fleet at Hawaii (Doc 7). Roosevelt believed the best way to help European nations was to act as a beacon of liberty and restrict the trading of implements of war.
When the war in Europe threatened Great Britain, he changed his mind and was willing to sell or loan those implements to the Allies.

Roosevelt and Wilson did differ on their actions during the war. Roosevelt ordered the relocation of Japanese Americans based on the military’s fear of their involvement in the war (Doc 8). This was a major blow to Japanese Americans rights and showed the drastic actions governments will take to protect the country. Wilson’s actions during WWI focused on the silencing of people who spoke out against the war. In June of 1917 Congress passed and Wilson signed the Espionage Act (Doc 3). It stated that no one could write or speak out against the war for it was a threat to national security. Government believed that efforts to talk people out of joining the war and encouraging soldiers to refuse to do their duty was treason. This was shown in the court case Schenck vs. United States. A man was arrested and tried for speaking out against the war. He distributed fliers to the draftees on the streets urging them to resist joining the army and to refuse orders. Schenck stated he had a right to free speech but the Supreme Courts response is you cannot shout fire in a crowded theatre. Freedom of speech can only be protected if it is not crippling national security.

Both Wilson and Roosevelt had a similar plan for the future world involvement of the U.S. Wilson had an idea for the League of Nations after WWI. He wanted some place where nations could complain about issues and conflicts could be resolved peacefully. Problem was it was attached to the Treaty of Versailles which cracked down on the losers of WWI (Germany). Once the Treaty of Versailles failed to pass in the
Senate so did the League even after Wilson went to the American people for support. Roosevelt helped create the United Nations at the end of WWII. The U.S. joined because it could no longer be isolated and had to work with other nations to keep the peace. It is still in effect today. The UN was not based on or limited to a peace treaty but instead was separate. That helped Roosevelt get support for U.S. membership.

All in all these two presidents had similar goals. They just achieved them in different ways. Wilson and Roosevelt were idealists who wanted the U.S. to be more active in world affairs. Both were willing to take drastic action to protect the United States. Roosevelt relocated Japanese Americans and enforced trade embargos on European and Asian nations. Wilson cracked down on Germany’s actions during WWI and the breaking of that agreement lead to Wilson declaring war on Germany. These actions have changed our history forever and the worlds. If it weren’t for US entering either war, Germany may have won and the world we know today would be way different.
Anchor Level 3-B

The response:

- Develops all comparisons in the task with little depth by discussing the similarities and differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Is more descriptive than analytical (Wilson: the United States favoring of Great Britain and its allies raises the question if Germany was wrong to sink merchant ships; in response to German destruction of passenger and merchant ships he wrote notes to German leadership protesting their actions; Germany promised to stop attacks but broke her promise leading United States to war; his actions focused on silencing people who spoke out against the war; he wanted the League where conflicts could be resolved peacefully; Roosevelt: he feared Japan’s increasing aggressiveness and their possible threat to United States; he was willing to sell or loan implements of war to Allies; he ordered the relocation of Japanese Americans based on the military’s fear of their involvement in the war; relocation was a major blow to Japanese American rights and showed the drastic actions governments would take to protect their country; United Nations not based on or limited to a peace treaty which helped get support for United States membership)
- Incorporates some relevant information from all of the documents
- Incorporates relevant outside information (Wilson: Schenck tried for speaking out against war; Schenck felt he had a right to free speech but Supreme Court responded you cannot shout fire in a crowded theatre; freedom of speech can only be protected if it is not crippling national security; problem with League is that it was part of Treaty of Versailles which cracked down on losers of the war; once Treaty of Versailles failed to pass Senate so did League even after he went to American people; Roosevelt: United States joined the United Nations because it could no longer be isolated and had to work with other nations to keep the peace; United Nations is still in effect today)
- Includes some relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: exports to Germany decreased as they greatly increased for Great Britain; Congress passed and he signed Espionage Act; Roosevelt: trade embargo put on Japan; United States fleet stationed at Hawaii; implements of war restricted; Japanese Americans sent to relocation centers; helped create United Nations)
- Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction that discusses Wilson and Roosevelt made great strides to protect our national security and our future and a conclusion that discusses while Wilson and Roosevelt had similar goals they achieved them in different ways

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 3. The utilization of document information and the inclusion of outside historic facts provide points for comparison in the areas of foreign policy and postwar plans. Including more facts and details about Roosevelt’s actions regarding civil liberties would have strengthened the discussion of differences between the two presidents.
Both president Franklin Roosevelt and president Woodrow Wilson had a difficult task on their hands, which was running the United States during times of conflict. While the times and policies changed from WWI (Wilson) to WWII (FDR), both presidents attempted to establish global connections and under both presidencies, civil liberties crumbled.

Leading to WWI, the United States stayed out of foreign affairs for the most part, but prior to WWII, the country took a more active role. Before America's involvement in WWI, Germany used unrestricted submarine warfare upon many ships, including passenger ships, that were sunk, killing Americans, like Elbert Hubbard, in the process. After the sinking of the Luisitania and the Arabic, Wilson sent angry notes to the Germans, warning them (Doc. 2), but the warfare continued and the German agreement to end unrestricted submarine warfare was broken. Having tried hard to stay out of war, Wilson had to take the country into war hoping there would be world peace afterwards. Before WWII, the U.S. let their opinion be heard through actions and not just words that included not selling war supplies to countries at war, embargoing steel and iron shipments to Japan, establishing a naval presence in Pearl Harbor and loaning China millions (Doc. 7). Although in some ways FDR took a more proactive role and asserted America's authority prior to WWII, the outcome was the same — war.

During both wars and presidencies, civil liberties decreased almost exponentially as the presidents' powers skyrocketed. The Espionage Act employed by Wilson made sure that no one interfered with the military when troops had to be raised to fight for the United States.
during WWI violations of the law could immediately lead to arrests of people that were threatening the security of the nation (Doc. 3). After a trial a long prison term could result from criticizing the war, which was a violation of their freedom of speech. Similarly, FDR violated civil liberties when he ordered the removal of Japanese Americans from the West Coast during WWII, sending them to internment camps. The worry was that they could help Japan if Japan attacked the United States mainland (Doc. 8). Both presidents stripped away civil liberties during times of war to protect the country.

Both Wilson and FDR also made attempts at global connections. Wilson’s 14 points included an establishing of a League of Nations following the war, but the Senate did not want the U.S. to join in for fear of being overcommitted in foreign affairs (Doc. 4). Wilson tried to take this issue to the people, but the United States never ended up joining the League. In the same way, FDR tried to establish the United Nations after WWII and succeeded (Doc. 9). Unlike Wilson, FDR was able to have the U.S. join the United Nations. FDR invited advisory groups to work together and review the proposal. FDR was successful in having the U.S. join the United Nations where we are still an important member.

The United States was on the winning side of both World Wars because the presidents handled the crisis well. Hopefully, if we get involved in future wars they will be handled as well by future presidents.
Anchor Level 3-C

The response:

- Develops all comparisons in the task with little depth by discussing the similarities and differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Is more descriptive than analytical (Wilson: before American involvement in World War I, Germany used unrestricted submarine warfare killing Americans; German agreement to end unrestricted submarine warfare was broken; he had to take the country into war hoping there would be world peace afterwards; Espionage Act made certain no one interfered with the military when United States troops had to be raised to fight; a long prison term could result from criticizing the war which was a violation of freedom of speech; Roosevelt: he invited advisory groups to work together and review proposal for United Nations; he was successful in having the United States join the United Nations)
- Incorporates some relevant information from documents 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9
- Incorporates limited relevant outside information (Wilson: American Elbert Hubbard was killed as a result of Germany’s unrestricted submarine warfare; Fourteen Points included establishing a League of Nations; the Senate did not want to join the League for fear of being overcommitted in foreign affairs; he tried to take League issue to American people but the United States did not join; Roosevelt: worry about Japanese Americans was they could help Japan if Japan attacked the United States mainland; we are still an important member of the United Nations)
- Includes some relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: after sinking of Lusitania and Arabic he sent angry notes to the Germans; Roosevelt: United States did not sell war supplies to countries at war; embargoed steel and iron shipments to Japan, established a naval presence in Pearl Harbor, and loaned China millions; he ordered the removal of Japanese Americans from the West Coast during World War II, sending them to internment camps)
- Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction that discusses that both Wilson and Roosevelt had a difficult task running the United States during times of conflict and a conclusion that discusses that the United States was on the winning side of both world wars because of Wilson’s and Roosevelt’s leadership

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 3. The response relies on generalizations and key information from the documents to make a limited number of comparisons related to the task. The outside information provided is generally a direct extension of document information.
During the first world war and the second world war, Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt faced many of the same challenges. Each responded similarly to these challenges. Both presidents adopted a policy of neutrality before the war, limited civil liberties during the war and made attempts to create world relations through the League of Nations and United Nations after the war ended.

President Woodrow Wilson stated in 1914 that “The United States must be neutral” to the problems in Europe (Doc 1a). This was seen when Germany used unrestricted warfare to sink the Lusitania and Arbatic. Instead of launching war upon Germany, Wilson sent three vigorous notes to Germany demanding a stop. Germany responded by assuring the United States that no unresisting passenger ship would be sunk without warning (Doc 2). For a short time the policy of neutrality remained intact for the United States during this world war.

A similar policy of neutrality was used during Franklin D. Roosevelt’s term in office before entering the war. He urged the continuation of “two-fold neutrality,” saying the “United States should serve as a beacon of liberty to mankind” (Doc 5). However as the war progressed in Europe, it became nearly impossible for the United States to remain in a full policy of neutrality. Roosevelt stated on a radio address that the United States would be providing the Allies with implements of war such as planes, guns and tanks (doc 6). The United States also announced that they would be terminating its trade with Japan as well as an embargo on the export of scrap iron and steel to Japan (doc 7). This shows that in the beginning both
Roosevelt and Wilson attempted to remain in a policy of neutrality but they were pulled into European affairs and the world wars. Both Wilson and Roosevelt made decisions during the world wars that limited the American peoples civil liberties. Wilson implemented the Espionage Act in 1917. This Act was in essence an act against spying. It limited the American people’s freedom of speech and could imprison Americans who spoke or wrote against the war (Doc 3). Roosevelt also limited civil liberties during World War II which his placement of Japanese-Americans in relocation camps throughout the west (Doc 8). This limited the Japanese Americans civil liberties and they felt like they were being treated unfairly.

Wilson and Roosevelt also had many similar viewpoints about after the war although they carried out these views in different ways. Wilson wanted a league of nations and was determined to take the issue to the American people (doc 4). Unfortunately Wilsons idea failed. Roosevelt had better planning and therefore was more successful in his plan for a United Nations. A draft was prepared before a meeting at Dumbarton Oaks and forty-two national organizations were invited to send consultants to the meeting (doc 9). The United Nation was successful and still meets today.

Overall both Wilson and Roosevelt showed some of the same views and enacted the similar types of policies. These policies were met with varying levels of success though.
The response:
• Minimally develops all comparisons in the task by discussing the similarities and differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
• Is primarily descriptive (Wilson: instead of launching war upon Germany, he sent notes demanding Germany stop; Espionage Act could imprison Americans who spoke or wrote against the war; he wanted a League and was determined to take the issue to the American people; Roosevelt: he urged continuation of “two-fold neutrality”; as war progressed it became nearly impossible for United States to remain in a full policy of neutrality; he was more successful in his plan for United Nations)
• Consists primarily of relevant information copied from documents 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9
• Presents little relevant outside information (Roosevelt: civil liberties of Japanese Americans were limited and they felt they were being treated unfairly; United Nations was successful and still meets today)
• Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: United States must be neutral to problems in Europe; Germany used unrestricted submarine warfare to sink Lusitania and Arabic; Roosevelt: Allies to be provided with implements of war; embargo on export of scrap iron and steel to Japan; Japanese Americans placed in relocation camps throughout west; draft prepared and 42 national organizations invited to send consultants to meeting); includes an inaccuracy (Wilson: for a short time the policy of neutrality remained intact)
• Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes an introduction that is a restatement of the theme and a brief conclusion that states Wilson and Roosevelt shared some of the same views and enacted similar types of policies and both had varying degrees of success

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 2. General comparison statements of similarities between Wilson and Roosevelt are linked to brief summaries of document information used to address the task. Although some outside information about Roosevelt is included, the overall discussion lacks supporting historic facts and details.
President Woodrow Wilson and FDR both faced challenges during the times preceding and throughout WWI + WWII. The goal of Wilson and FDR was to protect the United States during times of crisis. The presidents made attempts at staying neutral, preserving individual liberties, and maintaining the peace after the war had ended. The U.S. has always tried to follow a strict policy of neutrality to avoid entering unnecessary wars. President Wilson (doc 1) encouraged that citizens, policies, and actions toward the belligerent European nations during WWI remain completely neutral. He promoted the idea that no citizen should show any inclination toward either side so that peace could be preserved effectively. President FDR faced similar problems during WWII, and FDR implemented an embargo on the sale of arms and military supplies toward warring nations and also widely promoted/encouraged the belligerents to return to peace. (Document 5) These policies were then changed to reflect a less neutral policy toward Germany. Wilson sent Germany angry letters that alluded to a declaration of war if they did not end their unrestricted submarine warfare. (Doc 2) FDR began selling arms to Britain and explained that the reason for doing so was to provide a safer future for the US so that Germany would not win the war (Doc 6) Both policies gradually evolved into less and less neutral courses of action toward the “enemy” nations.

Wilson’s and FDR’s policies of protecting civil liberties were also similar in the periods of crisis. Wilson approved the Espionage Act of 1917 which stated that any American who acted out against the war would or could have all rights taken or be imprisoned for up to 20 years. (Doc 3) FDR’s similar action was the Japanese internment that
were used during WWII. The Japanese were removed from their home and placed in inland camps to prevent Japan from gaining information. (Doc 8) Both policies obstructed civil liberties and were extreme actions taken during these times of crisis.

The League of Nations and United Nations are similar clauses in the treaties to end both WWI & WWII. Wilson’s League was to maintain the peace, but it was not accepted by Congress and the US never joined. (Doc 4) He promoted it widely with the citizens but it never caught on. The US joined the United Nations along with many others. It was created to keep world peace and help contain the spread of communism. (Doc 9) This was passed and joined by the US, and was effective unlike the league, at preserving peace.

During WWI & WWII both President Woodrow Wilson and FDR faced similar situations during the times of crisis. They implemented similar plans to try and stay neutral, reduce some liberties during times of crisis, and maintain peace after the wars were over.
The response:

- Minimally develops all comparisons in the task by discussing the similarities between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- Is primarily descriptive (Wilson: he promoted idea that no citizen should show any inclination toward either side so peace could be preserved; sent Germany angry letters that alluded to a declaration of war if unrestricted submarine warfare was not ended; Espionage Act stated any American who acted out against war would or could have all rights taken away or be imprisoned for up to twenty years; Roosevelt: implemented embargo on sale of arms and military supplies toward warring nations; changed policies to reflect a less neutral policy toward Germany; began selling arms to Britain explaining it would provide a safer future for United States if Germany did not win; Japanese were removed from their homes and placed in inland camps).
- Incorporates limited relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9.
- Presents little relevant outside information (Wilson: he promoted League widely with citizens but it never caught on; League was to maintain peace but not accepted by Congress and United States never joined; Roosevelt: United States joined United Nations along with many others; United Nations was effective unlike the League).
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: approved Espionage Act; Roosevelt: Japanese relocated); includes inaccuracies (League of Nations and United Nations are similar clauses in the treaties to end both World War I and World War II; United Nations created to help contain communism).
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that are a restatement of the theme.

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 2. The response strings together excerpts from the documents in an effort to compare the presidencies of Wilson and Roosevelt. Weak comparative threads, repetition of information, and inaccuracies weaken the response.
Throughout the history of our nation, we can see both subtle and extremely evident similarities and differences between the policies and actions of our presidents. Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt both lead the United States during wartime, which meant that they both had to establish foreign policies before entering war, preserve civil liberties, and plan what will happen after the war. While both were in many ways different, both Presidents also shared many similarities in their actions, beliefs, and visions.

During his farewell speech, our first President, George Washington, urged the United States to remain neutral. Many presidents after him tried to follow Washington’s words, including Wilson and Roosevelt. President Wilson, who led our nation during World War I, believed that in response to the breakout of war in Europe during 1914, the United States should follow a policy of neutrality. Even upon the submarine attacks of Germany which killed Americans, Wilson still urged the policy of neutrality, wanting to avoid a feud with Germany. Similarly, Roosevelt wished to remain neutral as well, though with a slight variation. Roosevelt, speaking in Dallas in 1936, stated that moral help would be offered, but the U.S. would offer no military help, as it was not the United States war to fight but the Europeans. Despite this fact, he still wanted to aid the Allies, providing them with necessities of war.

Civil liberties during wartime are often affected. Wilson’s Espionage Act affected civil liberties greatly, as it imprisoned Americans who exercised their freedom of speech by speaking and writing against the war. Roosevelt also negatively affected civil liberties, by relocating Japanese Americans to internment camps.
The role of the United States after the war had ended in world affairs was similar between both presidents. Wilson wanted a league of nations (Doc 4), but because it was poorly planned, it failed to work. However, Roosevelt drafted his plan for the United Nations early, providing ample time for revision, which allowed it to work properly (doc 9).

The response:
• Minimally develops all comparisons in the task by discussing the similarities and differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
• Is primarily descriptive (Wilson: he urged neutrality even after German submarine attacks which killed Americans; he wanted to avoid a feud with Germany; Espionage Act affected civil liberties greatly as it imprisoned Americans who exercised their freedom of speech by speaking and writing against the war; Roosevelt: moral help would be offered but United States would offer no military help as it was not our war to fight; he provided Allies with necessities of war; he drafted his plan for United Nations early providing ample time for revision)
• Incorporates limited relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9
• Presents little relevant outside information (many presidents including Wilson and Roosevelt tried to follow Washington’s words of neutrality; Roosevelt: tensions were high after attack on Pearl Harbor); includes faulty analysis (Wilson: because League was poorly planned it failed to work)
• Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: he wanted a League of Nations; Roosevelt: relocated Japanese Americans to camps)
• Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes an introduction that is a restatement of the theme and lacks a conclusion

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 2. Statements that infer comparisons are presented with minimal explanation. The response relies on summaries of document information and literal interpretations which demonstrates limited understanding.
President Woodrow Wilson and President Franklin both faced similar challenges during their presidencies. Woodrow Wilson's pre-war strategy was neutrality whereas Roosevelt took the allies' side. However, after their respective wars, both presidents proposed neutrality as the best policy.

Another similarity between the two presidents was that they both limited certain Americans' rights during their wars. President Wilson helped enact the espionage act, an act that gave the government the right to imprison Americans who spoke or wrote against the war. President Roosevelt helped create laws that required many Japanese Americans to relocate from the west coast.

Also, after their wars were over, they proposed an organized group of nations for peace as the best way to prevent anything serious happening again. Wilson helped create and proposed the joining of by the U.S. the League of Nations. The League of Nations was a failure because although a few European countries joined it, the most powerful country in the world at the time, the U.S., did not join.

As demonstrated, you can see that the presidents were both the same and different.
Anchor Level 1-A

The response:
• Minimally develops some comparisons in the task by addressing similarities between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
• Is descriptive (Wilson: he helped enact Espionage Act; he helped create and proposed that the United States join the League; Roosevelt: he helped create laws that required many Japanese Americans to relocate from West Coast); lacks understanding and application (Wilson and Roosevelt: both proposed neutrality as best policy after their respective wars)
• Includes minimal information from documents 1, 3, 5, and 8
• Presents little relevant outside information (Wilson: League was a failure because the United States, the most powerful country at the time, did not join)
• Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: prewar strategy neutrality; Espionage Act gave government right to imprison Americans who spoke or wrote against war; Roosevelt: took Allies side)
• Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes a brief introduction that states Wilson and Roosevelt faced similar challenges and a brief conclusion that states Wilson and Roosevelt were both the same and different

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 1. A few comparative statements are included in the response; however, lack of supporting historic facts and details detracts from their effectiveness. Although most of the information is presented in brief statements, a limited understanding of some of the document information is demonstrated.
During the world wars, many challenges were faced by Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Establishing foreign policies and protecting civil liberties were just a few of these challenges.

Both presidents handled many of these problems in similar fashion. Prior to the war, both Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt favored neutrality. After finally entering the war, both presidents passed laws that protected homeland security at the cost of civil liberties. Even after the war, both of these presidents attempted to create an international peacekeeping organization. Although they both attempted to create these organizations, only the United Nations with Franklin D. Roosevelt withstood.

These decisions have had huge impacts on our society today. The United Nations is still in effect as an international peacekeeping organization. Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt ultimately have shaped international affairs in today’s world.
### Anchor Level 1-B

**The response:**
- Minimally develops all comparisons in the task by mentioning similarities between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Is descriptive (*Wilson and Roosevelt:* both passed laws that protected homeland security at the cost of civil liberties)
- Includes minimal information from documents 1, 5, 8, and 9
- Presents little relevant outside information (*Roosevelt:* United Nations is still in effect as an international peacekeeping organization)
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details (*Wilson and Roosevelt:* both favored neutrality prior to the war; both attempted to create international peacekeeping organizations)
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes an introduction that is a restatement of the theme and a conclusion that states both Wilson and Roosevelt shaped the international affairs of today’s world

**Conclusion:** Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 1. A minimal understanding of the task is demonstrated in brief explanations of document information. Most statements about Wilson and Roosevelt are limited to general comparisons.
War is often a time of dramatic change for a nation as it has many political, economic, and social effects on civilization. Throughout history, the United States has been lead by some intriguing leaders who have lead this nation through times of war. Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt used incredible tactics during their presidencies as both men are often regarded as some of the greatest chief executives of all time. While both men lead the country through times of war, suspended civil liberties, and had ideas of world organizations, they initially remained totally neutral and gave the possibility of war a great deal of thought.

Speaking on the topic of neutrality, both men looked to remain neutral at first. Wilson looked to remain neutral despite an outbreak of war in Europe (doc 1a). Even though Germany was using aggressive tactics, which were killing Americans, Wilson looked to remain neutral except for trading (doc 2). On the other hand, Roosevelt looked to create a two-fold neutrality, which created an embargo on arms and munitions (doc 5). He hoped that the United States could set an example as a beacon of democracy. Still, Roosevelt took actions in the war effort, despite an absence of participation in war. He gave supplies to Western Allies, by lending them guns and planes. This was done in the Lend-Lease Act. The United States had faced the worst economic depression in history as it was going through The Great Depression. This would keep American factories busy and the British from being taken over by Germany. A global war did not seem feasible for the Americans at that time. Helping the Allies economically was the best we could do.

Both men also suspended civil liberties for many United States
citizens. Both men supported drafts, which turned men into soldiers to be used in combat. However, Wilson’s draft was created during the war, while Roosevelt’s draft was a peace time draft. But Wilson’s draft became a constitutional issue when Charles Schenck told men not to obey the draft law. Schenck violated the Espionage Act, which penalized people for speaking out against the government and for hurting the war effort. (doc 3) Limiting free speech would seem to be a violation of the Bill of Rights but the Supreme Court said no because we were at war.

Roosevelt, on the other hand, relocated Japanese-Americans to the interior of the country, so they were not influenced by their ancestors’ country (doc 8). The camps were called internment camps and were a result of Executive Order 9061. The conditions of the camps were horrible and many became depressed from the conditions. In fact, most of the people in the internment camps were born in the United States, so they would most likely have had little influence from Japan but after Pearl Harbor that did not matter. Both men also looked to create World Organizations. Wilson created the League of Nations, for which he sought approval from the people, because the Senate was not supportive (doc 4). Roosevelt’s idea for the United Nations was a great improvement from the League of Nations, as there was more time to plan it out and to pay attention to its details, and no tie to a strict peace treaty (doc 9). The UN also provides a peacekeeping force, which often intervenes during global conflicts to try to keep the peace. One other problem with the League of Nations was that the United States did not join it. This weakened the League. Though the League of Nations was a major point of Wilson’s Fourteen Points Plan, he was
greatly unsuccessful in getting support for it while Roosevelt’s UN was accepted and had great success as it resides in New York, has a security council, and continues as a meeting place for nations even today. Even though both men had many differences in their methods of wartime leadership, they were both considered great presidents. We also see their influence today as we still have the Federal Reserve Board from Wilson’s presidency, and the FDIC from Roosevelt’s presidency. Both men definitely left their footprints on American History. As we move forward in the 21st century, we hope that the United States will continue to respect the great men, Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.
Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt both faced the challenge of leading the United States during World War. These challenges included establishing foreign policies prior to United States entry into the war, preserving civil liberties while protecting national security during the war. Both of these presidents have some different and similarities between their presidencies.

President Woodrow Wilson had some differences from Franklin D. Roosevelt. In (Document 1) it shows that President Woodrow Wilson wrote a passage by the meaning of the policy that the U.S. follow in response to the war breaking out in Europe by telling us that they must be neutral in fact as well as in name during men’s souls. In (Doc 2) President Woodrow Wilson is running to the American people to giving them League of Nations. In (Doc 5) President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that United States should respond to various threats to peace around the world in 1936. He would do that by American products such as oil, and scrap Iron that were of assistance to the war.

The similarities between the presidents of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt are that they both were in war. In (doc 1b) it show us how the number of nation by how the years were going up the number we going down, in Great Britain, France, Italy, and Germany. Great Britain was the most highest that had numbers by the 1916.

Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt they had faced challenge of leading the U.S. during World War. Both presidents had some terms, their policies prior to entering the war, their actions affecting civil liberties during the war and also by their vision of role the United States in world affairs after the war.
When considering war, one must incorporate many factors into their decision making. Not only must the extent of the war effort and the readiness of the nation's military be taken into account, but the lives of those at home must also be considered. Careful thought must also be taken into planning out the steps prior to, during, and concluding the war. These responsibilities have rested in the hands of several presidents throughout our history; two of the most prominent being Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt during our nation's involvement in World Wars I and II. When compared, many similarities and differences can be seen in the actions of both presidents and their war policies.

The similarities that exist within both presidents' actions start with their pre-war policy. Prior to the U.S. involvement in the World Wars, both presidents had initially sought to remain neutral. For example, when President Wilson saw the chaos within war-torn Europe and endured the initial U-boat attacks (Doc. 2), his initial response was to remain neutral in order to stay out of these overseas affairs and avoid conflict. (Doc 1). With a large European immigrant population to be concerned about and most Americans believing that the European situation was not in our vital interests, he cautioned the country not to even think about favoring one side or the other. A similar philosophy was taken by FDR, when he encouraged the American people to adopt a “two-fold neutrality” by placing embargos and discouraging trade of war materials. (Doc 5). In both cases trying to enforce a specific neutrality policy would not be enough to keep us out of war. Another similarity that the two presidents shared was there actions affecting civil liberties during the course of the war. Although intended to be a
good thing, to keep the nation safe from threats within the country, the issuing of the Espionage Act by President Wilson actually threatened the Americans' civil liberties. The act was passed out of fear for German disloyalty and from fears that people opposed to the war would influence others in a negative way. It was also seen as an act against spying while some opponents saw it as a violation of American citizens' freedom of speech by prohibiting the expression of anti-war sentiments. (Doc 3) President Roosevelt also threatened one ethnic group's civil liberties when he ordered the relocation of Japanese on the West Coast into internment camps. This action was in response to the rumors, fear, and prejudice against Japanese and Japanese Americans after the attack on Pearl Harbor. With West Coast political and military concerns growing, the relocation was seen as a necessary step by FDR. Some saw this decision as violating the civil liberties and due process of those of Japanese descent. (Doc 8) Both presidents also displayed similar actions when deciding the country's position after the war. Although the U.S. suffered much lesser losses in comparison to other nations, the casualties the world experienced caused both presidents to make attempts of keeping world peace to prevent future wars. Wilson's idealistic reason for fighting the war led to his insistence that a League of Nations be formed after the war. (Doc 4) However, the United States never joined the League which contributed to its failure. FDR continued the dream of an international peacekeeping organization and supported the creation of the United Nations. (Doc 9) Although there were many similarities, many differences existed as well. For example, when the U.S. was attacked by the Japanese at our
naval base, Pearl Harbor, FDR took quick action against the Japanese and asked Congress for a declaration of war. Although Japanese Americans had no involvement in the incident, and most were loyal American citizens, FDR ordered them to internment camps to protect our national security. (Doc 8) When the German U-boats attacked ships and violated “freedom of the seas” in the precursor to WWI, president Wilson responded in a different way. Rather then interning German-Americans, Wilson sent notes in protest prior to our entry in WWI hoping that those responsible for the aggression within Europe would stop. However, Creel Committee propaganda activities later on led to harassment and prejudice against German-Americans. The post-war experiences of both presidents were also very different although the way they saw the post-war world was similar. Following WWI, President Wilson’s priority was to encourage European leaders to support the League of Nations as part of his plan for the peace treaty. (Doc 4) The plan was questioned by many Americans and much of Congress because of fear that it would automatically involve our nation in future wars around the world, and be too different from our usual policy of neutrality and remaining separate in protecting our own interests. FDR’s plan, however, known as the United Nations was much different. Although it had the similar goal of promoting peace, he went about it in a different way. The plan was carefully thought out and discussed with Allied leaders during the war. The United Nations got the approval of many congressmen and there was general acceptance that the U.S. should join. (Doc 9) As proven by the war effort of these two influential presidents, the responsibilities of war are very complex, and must be carefully
thought out with regard to the developments and circumstances of the war. Presidents Wilson and Roosevelt both dealt expertly with the complex problems of trying to avoid war, of protecting national security at home by curtailing civil liberties during war, and of trying to avoid future wars through new peace organizations.


During two of the most trying times in world history — World War I and World War II, the United States was lead by its president through the war. Not only did these presidents have to keep Americans safe at home and abroad, but they also had to develop foreign policies, create a plan of action, and finally, establish what would be done after the war was over.

In 1914, while Europe was embroiled in its own conflict, President Woodrow Wilson warned the American people of taking sides. In his Message to the United States Senate, Wilson urged Americans to remain neutral so as to avoid war. Wilson continued to Advocate neutrality, even when German submarines attacked passenger ships, and when the amount of exports of the US seemed to favor Britain (Bailey). But Wilson eventually had to declare war when Germany continued to sink ships (Leuchtenburg).

During the United States involvement in the war, Congress passed the Espionage Act, which Wilson signed. Often viewed as an infringement upon citizens’ rights, the act meant dissenters of the war, along with people found to be disloyal to the US or disruptive to its recruitment efforts, could be penalized and possibly jailed. (Zinn) Wilson saw this as a necessary means of keeping the country safe as well as united in its war effort. Following the War, Wilson presented his Fourteen Points of the Congress of Vienna. In the fourteen Points, Wilson planned for the formation of a League of Nations, which would ultimately keep global peace. Unfortunately, Congress would not ratify the US’s admission to the League.

In the 1930s, President Franklin D. Roosevelt responded a little differently to the threat of war. While he did not want to bring the
country into unnecessary war, Roosevelt advised Americans to be aware of the global situation and advocated “two-fold neutrality:” an embargo on the shipments of arms … combined with efforts to discourage belligerents from purchasing huge quantities of other American products … that were of assistance to their war efforts.” (Miller)

In 1940, Roosevelt made the decision to aid the Allies, and to cut off trade with Japan, an Axis power. After Pearl Harbor, the US formally entered the war.

During the war, the relocation of Japanese Americans is probably one of the biggest violations of civil liberties. Japanese Americans, many of which had no existing connections to Japan, were removed from their homes, because the government feared they were spies. After the war, Roosevelt worked to form the United Nations, an organization to promote world peace that was much more successful than Wilson’s League of Nations. (Bailey)

In conclusion, both Wilson and Roosevelt tried to maintain policies of neutrality, but found it impossible as the wars progressed. They had to make very difficult decisions concerning world relations as well as on the homefront, and were not always successful at both.
The first half of the twentieth century was plagued by war. However, great leaders, such as Franklin D. Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, emerged to face the gauntlet of challenges. Both Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt sought a policy of neutrality prior to the war as well as limited civil liberties during the war, although, Roosevelt was more successful than Wilson in getting the US involved in international affairs in the post-war world.

Before entering both World War I and II, Wilson and Roosevelt made neutrality a priority just as Washington had in the 1790s. Wilson issued a statement in 1914 stating the US should be neutral “in thought as well as deed” because we were militarily and psychologically unprepared to fight a war in Europe (1a). Wilson also urged the US to remain neutral after the sinking of passenger ships with Americans on them by German “U-boats” which were a new technology not provided for under international law. Dealing with that challenge Wilson tried to prevent further attacks by threatening to end diplomatic relations which might mean war with Germany (2). Similarly, Roosevelt also urged the US to remain neutral, and used some of the same symbolic responses to the possibility of war. With his Quarantine Speech, his assistance to China, his economic policies toward Japan, and by placing the US fleet in Hawaii to deter Japan from aggressive actions in the Pacific, he tried in his own way to keep us out of war (7).

However, unlike Wilson, Roosevelt initially urged the embargo of weapons and munitions thinking he could avoid the problems that led Wilson to declare war against Germany (5). Also, throughout the 1930s, Roosevelt followed the Neutrality Acts, an embargo with any
nation that was at war. Although proclaiming neutrality, both presidents and the American people favored the Allied cause and ended up fighting alongside the Allies in the world wars.

During the war, both leaders faced similar problems with civil liberties. Early in the US involvement of World War I, the Espionage Act was passed, preventing criticism of the war, even if it was based on factual evidence (3). Roosevelt followed a similar policy even before the war of prohibiting subversive activities. However, the Roosevelt administration’s greatest repression of civil liberties came in the decision to intern Japanese Americans based on “military necessity” (8). This treatment was based on the long-standing prejudice against Asians especially on the West Coast as well as the fear that Japanese spies might be infiltrating the US through contact with the Japanese American population. Both the Wilson administration and the Roosevelt administration saw people fight vigorous legal battles against these laws. In the case of Schenck v. US, the plaintiff argued that his First Amendment rights were violated and during the World War II case of Korematsu v. US the plaintiff argued that his Fourteenth Amendment rights were violated because he was placed in an internment camp. The Supreme Court ruled against both plaintiffs, stating that constitutional rights during wartime were not absolute.

In both post-war periods, the United States had the choice of becoming enveloped in international affairs and both Wilson and Roosevelt had firmly urged becoming international. Wilson presented his plan of “Fourteen Points,” one of which involved forming an international peacekeeping organization. However, the treaty with Wilson’s idea of a “League of Nations” failed to be approved by the
Senate because they disagreed with some of the details of the treaty and the secrecy surrounding the Paris peace conference (9). Although Wilson went directly to the American people and appealed to them, he failed to convince them (4). This, however, caused more stress upon Wilson because the people did not want to be bothered by European problems on the other side of the world, ultimately helping to cause Wilson’s stroke during the debate over the treaty. Roosevelt, on the other hand, was more successful in achieving international involvement. For a conference in San Francisco, Roosevelt encouraged national organizations and critics to view the plans for the new United Nations Organization. Roosevelt also had the advantage of the United Nations not being tied to the peace treaty as Wilson’s League had been (9). Roosevelt also called for the necessity of international involvement in the post-war world as a way of limiting future tensions with the Soviet Union. 

In short, the United States followed similar trends of domestic and foreign policies during both World Wars. Both Wilson and Roosevelt argued for neutrality before jumping into a war as well as limiting civil liberties for the benefit of the nation. Although, Roosevelt was better able to convince America that strong international intervention was needed than Wilson was, both leaders set strong precedents for other presidents to follow.
Practice Paper A—Score Level 3

The response:
• Develops all comparisons in the task with little depth by discussing the similarities and differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
• Is more descriptive than analytical (Wilson: he looked to remain neutral despite outbreak of war in Europe and Germany’s use of aggressive tactics which were killing Americans; he created League for which he sought approval from the people because the Senate was not supportive; Roosevelt: he wanted United States to set an example as a “beacon of democracy”; he relocated Japanese Americans to interior of country so they were not influenced by their ancestors’ country; conditions of internment camps were horrible and many became depressed from the conditions; there was more time to plan United Nations, pay attention to details, and it was not tied to a strict peace treaty)
• Incorporates some relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9
• Incorporates relevant outside information (Wilson: his draft became a constitutional issue when Schenck told men not to obey draft law; limiting free speech would seem to be a violation of Bill of Rights but Supreme Court said no because we were at war; United States did not join the League which weakened the League; League part of his Fourteen Points; Roosevelt: Lend-Lease lent Allies guns and planes; Lend-Lease would keep American factories busy and British from being taken over by Germany; most people in internment camps were born in the United States so they would most likely have had little influence from Japan but after Pearl Harbor it did not matter; United Nations provides a peacekeeping force which intervenes during global conflicts; United Nations continues as a meeting place for nations even today)
• Includes some relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: Espionage Act penalized people for speaking out against government and hurting war effort; Roosevelt: two-fold neutrality created embargo on arms and munitions; Japanese Americans put in camps); includes a minor inaccuracy (Roosevelt: Executive Order 9801)
• Demonstrates a satisfactory plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that both Wilson and Roosevelt left their footprints on American history

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 3. The inclusion of a few analytic statements and the strategic placement of relevant outside information strengthen the discussion of each president. General introductory statements of comparison are accurate but lack explanation. Digressions and overgeneralizations weaken the response.

Practice Paper B—Score Level 0

The response:
Attempts to develop the task; refers to the theme in a general way; includes almost no relevant facts, examples, and details

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 0. Irrelevant disjointed facts are selected from documents but their use fails to show any understanding. There is an attempt at comparison but it is not successfully demonstrated.
The response:

- Thoroughly develops all comparisons in the task evenly and in depth by discussing the similarities and differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Is more analytical than descriptive (Wilson: when he saw the chaos within war-torn Europe and endured the initial U-boat attacks, his initial response was to remain neutral to stay out of overseas affairs and avoid conflict; opponents saw the Espionage Act as a violation of American citizens’ freedom of speech by prohibiting the expression of antiwar sentiments; his priority following World War I was to encourage European leaders to support the League as part of his plan for the peace treaty; Roosevelt: he continued the dream of an international peacekeeping organization and supported the United Nations; his plan for the United Nations was carefully thought out and discussed with Allied leaders during the war)
- Incorporates relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9
- Incorporates substantial relevant outside information (Wilson: with a large European immigrant population to be concerned about and most Americans believing that the European situation was not in our vital interests, he cautioned the country not to even think about favoring one side or the other; Espionage Act was passed out of fear for German disloyalty and from fears that people opposed to the war would influence others in a negative way; German U-boats attacked ships and violated “freedom of the seas”; Creel Committee propaganda activities led to harassment and prejudice against German Americans; League was questioned by many Americans and much of Congress because of fear that it would automatically involve our nation in future wars and be too different from our usual policy of neutrality; Roosevelt: he threatened one ethnic group’s civil liberties because of the rumors, fear, and prejudice against Japanese and Japanese Americans after the attack on Pearl Harbor; some saw the relocation of Japanese Americans as violating their civil liberties and their due process; when the United States was attacked by the Japanese at our naval base, Pearl Harbor, he took quick action and asked Congress for a declaration of war; although Japanese Americans had no involvement in the incident and most were loyal American citizens he ordered them to internment camps to protect our national security; many congressmen approved the United Nations and there was general acceptance that the United States should join)
- Richly supports the theme with many relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: Espionage Act seen as act against spying; Roosevelt: encouraged American people to adopt a “two-fold neutrality” by placing embargoes and discouraging trade of war materials; ordered relocation of Japanese on the West Coast)
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that discusses that presidents must incorporate many factors into their decisions when considering war

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 5. An analytic overview of the similarities and differences between Wilson and Roosevelt reinforces the premise that wartime creates challenges that require unique presidential responses. The impact of domestic considerations on wartime leadership decisions is integrated throughout the discussion.
The response:

- Minimally develops all comparisons in the task by discussing the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Is primarily descriptive (Wilson: he warned American people about taking sides while Europe embroiled in conflict; he continued to advocate neutrality even when German submarines attacked passenger ships; Espionage Act is often viewed as an infringement upon citizen’s rights; Roosevelt: he did not want to bring the country into an unnecessary war; he advised Americans to be aware of global situation and advocated “two-fold neutrality”; in 1940 he made the decision to aid the Allies and to cut off trade with Japan; relocation of Japanese Americans is probably one of the biggest violations of civil liberties; United Nations was much more successful than Wilson’s League)
- Incorporates limited relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9
- Presents some relevant outside information (Wilson: he eventually had to declare war when Germany continued to sink ships; he planned for a League in his Fourteen Points to keep global peace; Congress would not ratify admission to League; Roosevelt: Japanese Americans many of whom had no existing connections to Japan removed from their homes because the government feared they were spies; after Pearl Harbor the United States formally entered the war)
- Includes few relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: United States exports seem to favor Britain; Espionage Act signed; Roosevelt: United Nations, an organization to promote world peace); includes some inaccuracies (Wilson: Fourteen Points presented at the Congress of Vienna; Roosevelt: after the war he worked to form United Nations)
- Demonstrates a general plan of organization; includes an introduction that discusses the role of presidents in war and a conclusion that states both Wilson and Roosevelt had to make difficult decisions and were not always successful

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 2. Despite the inclusion of outside information, the response fails to make clear comparisons between the presidencies. The separate discussions of Wilson and Roosevelt rely on summaries of document information. Generalizations are included but limited substantiation weakens their impact.
The response:

- Develops all comparisons in the task by discussing the similarities and differences between the presidencies of Woodrow Wilson and Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Is both descriptive and analytical (Wilson: he tried to prevent further attacks by threatening to end diplomatic relations which might mean war with Germany; Espionage Act prevented criticism of the war; treaty with his idea of a League failed to be approved by the Senate because they disagreed with some details and the secrecy surrounding the Paris Peace Conference; Roosevelt: with his Quarantine speech, his assistance to China, his economic policies toward Japan, and his placing our fleet in Hawaii to deter Japan from aggressive actions in the Pacific, he tried to keep us out of war; he initially urged the embargo of weapons and munitions thinking he could avoid the problems that led Wilson to declare war; he prohibited subversive activities; he encouraged national organizations and critics to view plans for the United Nations)
- Incorporates relevant information from documents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9
- Incorporates relevant outside information (Wilson: U-boats were a new technology not provided for under international law; plaintiff in Schenck argued his first amendment rights were violated; people did not want to be bothered by European problems on the other side of the world; international peacekeeping organization was one of his Fourteen Points; Roosevelt: throughout the 1930s he followed the Neutrality Acts, an embargo with any nation at war; policy toward Japanese Americans based on long-standing prejudice against Asians, especially on West Coast, as well as the fear that Japanese spies might be infiltrating the United States through contact with the Japanese American population; plaintiff in Korematsu argued his 14th amendment rights were violated because he was placed in an internment camp; he called for the necessity of international involvement in the postwar world as a way of limiting future tensions with the Soviet Union)
- Supports the theme with relevant facts, examples, and details (Wilson: urged neutrality after German U-boats sinking of passenger ships with Americans; should be neutral because militarily and psychologically unprepared to fight a war; Roosevelt: decision to intern Japanese Americans based on “military necessity”)
- Demonstrates a logical and clear plan of organization; includes an introduction and a conclusion that discusses while Wilson and Roosevelt followed similar domestic and foreign policies, Roosevelt was more successful in convincing the United States to be involved in international affairs

Conclusion: Overall, the response fits the criteria for Level 4. Historic details included in the discussion of civil liberties and postwar plans complement document interpretation and demonstrate a good understanding of presidential actions in both areas. While the discussion of prewar policies includes good conclusions, additional facts and details would have strengthened the comparison.
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