

World War I and Beyond  
United States History  
Unit 6, Chapter 19

Verse:

World War I grew from imperial ambitions  
Economic rivalries, and **militarism**  
In 1914 the conflict began  
When ethnic Serbs killed **Francis Ferdinand**  
Austria-Hungary joined with Germany to  
Fight Britain, France, Russia, and Serbia too  
A German **U-boat** made many Americans sick  
When it sank the *Lusitania*, a British passenger ship  
The last straw was the **Zimmerman note**  
When Germany proposed an alliance with Mexico  
Congress authorized a draft  
With the **Selective Service Act**  
To keep treason and sedition back  
Congress passed the **Espionage Act**  
To fight the U-boats, merchant ships sailed in  
A **convoy** group with warships for protection  
In 1918, on November 11  
Germany surrendered, the war was ended  
For Wilson, the war was for freedom and peace  
The **Fourteen Points** claimed “peace without victory”  
The **League of Nations** was meant to  
Secure a mutual guarantee of political independence  
The widespread fear that communists were everywhere  
In America was known as its first **Red Scare**

Chorus:

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World War---I, the first World War’s done