

ESSAYS – Two of the following Essay Questions will be chosen for Tuesday’s exam

**Essays – U.S. Becomes a World Power – 1898-1920**

1. Compare and Contrast the policies of two of the following presidents towards Latin America and/or Asia – William McKinley (1897-1901); Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909); William Howard Taft (1909-1913); Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921). Discuss the goals, at least one specific action taken by each, and the long term or short term results of the policies. Be sure to explain similarities and differences.
2. Analyze the political, economic, and social factors that led the United States to enter World War I. Support your response with specific examples. Do you think the U.S. was justified in entering the conflict?
3. President Woodrow Wilson justified U.S. involvement in the First World War as a mission to “make the world safe for democracy.” To what extent were democratic principles followed at home during the war and immediately following it? Support your response with specific examples. Consider two of the following issues – impact of the war on women; impact of the war on African Americans; the propaganda campaign; first amendment rights