

League of Nations Mini Essay

Task: Write a 4 paragraph essay about the United States and the League of Nations.

Prompt: After World War I, President Wilson’s vision for an international agency that protects world peace was realized through the establishment of the League of Nations. Despite the view of the President however, the United States never joined the LofN. Write a 4 paragraph paper exploring **two different** reasons for the senate’s decision not to join it.

Expectations:

- 4 paragraph long (1 paragraph intro with a thesis statement, 2 paragraphs argument for your thesis, 1 paragraph conclusion.)
- **You must use at least 3 sources (quotes) throughout your essay. These come from your primary source packets**
- Clear statements with minimal grammatical errors and professional tone

Intro:

- This paragraph should talk about the War and how it created the need for an international agency to protect the peace internationally. (Khan academy article might help you here.)
- Come up with a clear thesis. “The United States chose not to join” is not a thesis.

Reason 1 and 2

- The primary source packets lists several reasons as to why the United States did not join. Use two claimed by the primary sources and argue it by connecting it to your thesis.

Conclusion

- Don’t just summarize what you said before. Connect the arguments you have just made to your thesis and end it in a thought provoking way.

Paper information

DUE DATE: WEDNESDAY (02/12)

POINTS: 120 Total

Document annotation: 20 points (This part is due Monday 02/10)

Guiding Questions: 50 points (This part is due Monday 02/10)

Essay: 50 points

Scoring Rubric

Writing in History: <i>Evaluation Rubric</i>	(4) Insufficient Achievement: Your work reflects unsuccessful performance.	(6) Basic Achievement: Your work reflects limited performance; emerging competence.	(8) Proficient Achievement: Your work reflects skilled performance; effective.	(10) Excellent Achievement: Your work reflects exemplary performance; in-depth.
Historical Accuracy: Your work demonstrates achievement because it includes correct information. You understand historical events, their connection to a timeline, factors of cause & effect, and the major themes from the unit.				
Use of Evidence: Your work demonstrates achievement because it is well supported by historical sources. You accurately identify, analyze, and apply relevant sources in a way that supports your reasoning and/or enhances your creativity.				

<p>Attention to Guidelines: Your work demonstrates achievement because it follows the instructions of the assignment. You completed the required tasks in the proper quantity and manner, facilitating the achievement of the other learning goals.</p>				
<p>Quality of Writing: Your work demonstrates achievement because it is well written, utilizing thoughtful organization and sentence structure, and free of careless lapses in spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.</p>				
<p>Enduring Understanding: Taken as a whole, your work demonstrates achievement because it reveals your grasp of the "big picture." Your blend of concepts, evidence, and creativity captures the central learnings of the unit.</p>				

Total Score: _____

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