

By June 1918, Americans were reaching France in record numbers under the command of General John J. Pershing. President Wilson and General Pershing insisted that our troops operate as their own independent army and be commanded by only Americans. Fighting separately, they felt, would make it look like the Americans saved the day and this would give us more power at the peace talks at the end of the war. In the end, Pershing's feeling proved to be right. America emerged from WWI as one of the strongest nations in the world. Because of this, Woodrow Wilson was able to command that his "14 Points" be the basis for the peace talks and eventually the Versailles Treaty.

- 1. Why did the US insist they fight as an independent army?
- 2. Who commanded the US military?
- 3. What was Woodrow Wilson's Peace Plan called?
- 4. Name 3 new nations created from the end of WWI?
- 5. (Search) What is the date of the end of WWI and what national holiday was created to remember that date?