



Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points were first outlined in a speech to the US Congress in January 1918. Later they would be used as the basis for peace negotiations and it was on the back of these that Germany would negotiate an armistice in November 1918.

Take a look at each of the Fourteen Points. What do they suggest about Wilson's hope for the post-war world?

The Fourteen Points.

1. No more secret agreements ("Open covenants openly arrived at").
2. Free navigation of all seas.
3. An end to all economic barriers between countries.
4. Countries to reduce weapon numbers.
5. All decisions regarding the colonies should be impartial.
6. The German Army is to be removed from Russia. Russia should be left to develop her own political set-up.
7. Belgium should be independent like before the War.
8. France should be fully liberated and allowed to recover Alsace-Lorraine.
9. All Italians are to be allowed to live in Italy. Italy's borders are to "along clearly recognisable lines of nationality."
10. Self-determination should be allowed for all those living in Austria-Hungary.
11. Self-determination and guarantees of independence should be allowed for the Balkan states.
12. The Turkish people should be governed by the Turkish government. Non-Turks in the old Turkish Empire should govern themselves.
13. An independent Poland should be created which should have access to the sea.
14. A League of Nations should be set up to guarantee the political and territorial independence of all states.

In your own words, create a summary of Wilson's hopes for his 14 Points...