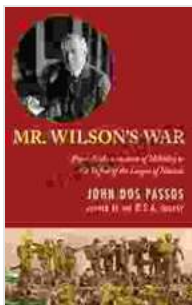


From McKinley's Assassination to the League's Defeat: A Pivotal Era in American History

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The early 20th century marked a period of profound transformation for the United States. From the assassination of President William McKinley to the collapse of the League of Nations, a series of momentous events shaped the nation's destiny. This comprehensive article explores this pivotal era, delving into the key figures, motivations, and consequences that shaped its course.



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The Assassination of President McKinley (1901)

On September 6, 1901, President McKinley fell victim to an assassin's bullet at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York. The perpetrator, Leon Czolgosz, a self-proclaimed anarchist, fired two shots at

close range, fatally wounding the beloved president. McKinley's assassination sent shockwaves throughout the nation and marked a turning point in American history.

Consequences:

- Heightened fears of anarchism and social unrest
- Emergence of Vice President Theodore Roosevelt as president
- Increased focus on presidential security

The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt, the charismatic and energetic Vice President, succeeded McKinley after his assassination. Known as the "Bull Moose," Roosevelt championed progressive policies and pursued an assertive foreign policy. His administration saw the establishment of national parks, the regulation of industry, and the expansion of American influence overseas.

Key Policies and Achievements:

- Sherman Antitrust Act (1902)
- Meat Inspection Act (1906)
- Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine (1904)
- Panama Canal construction

The Great American Empire (1890-1920)

During the early 20th century, the United States embarked on a period of imperial expansion, acquiring overseas territories and asserting its influence in world affairs. This era, known as the Great American Empire, saw the acquisition of the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Panama Canal Zone.

Motives:

- Economic interests and access to resources
- Nationalism and a sense of superiority
- Desire to promote "civilization" and American values

World War I (1914-1918)

The outbreak of World War I in 1914 initially saw the United States maintain its neutrality. However, as the war escalated and Germany intensified its submarine warfare, public opinion shifted towards intervention. President Woodrow Wilson led the country into the conflict in 1917.

American Involvement:

- Arrival of American Expeditionary Forces in Europe
- Critical role in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive
- Armistice of November 11, 1918

The League of Nations

In the aftermath of World War I, President Wilson proposed the establishment of the League of Nations, an international organization

dedicated to maintaining peace and preventing future conflicts. The United States played a leading role in the league's creation, but the Senate ultimately rejected its membership.

Reasons for American Rejection:

- Fears of entangling alliances
- Isolationist sentiment
- Opposition from Republican senators

The Roaring Twenties (1920-1929)

The 1920s witnessed a period of economic prosperity and cultural change in the United States. Known as the "Roaring Twenties," this era saw the rise of jazz, flappers, and the Prohibition era. However, the decade also sowed the seeds for the Great Depression that would follow.

Key Characteristics:

- Consumerism and economic growth
- Social and cultural transformation
- Political corruption and organized crime

The Great Depression (1929-1939)

The stock market crash of 1929 marked the beginning of the Great Depression, the most severe economic downturn in American history. The collapse led to widespread unemployment, business failures, and social

hardship. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal policies implemented significant government intervention to combat the crisis.

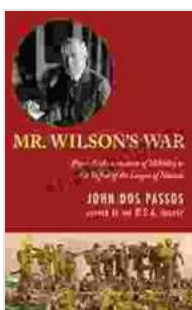
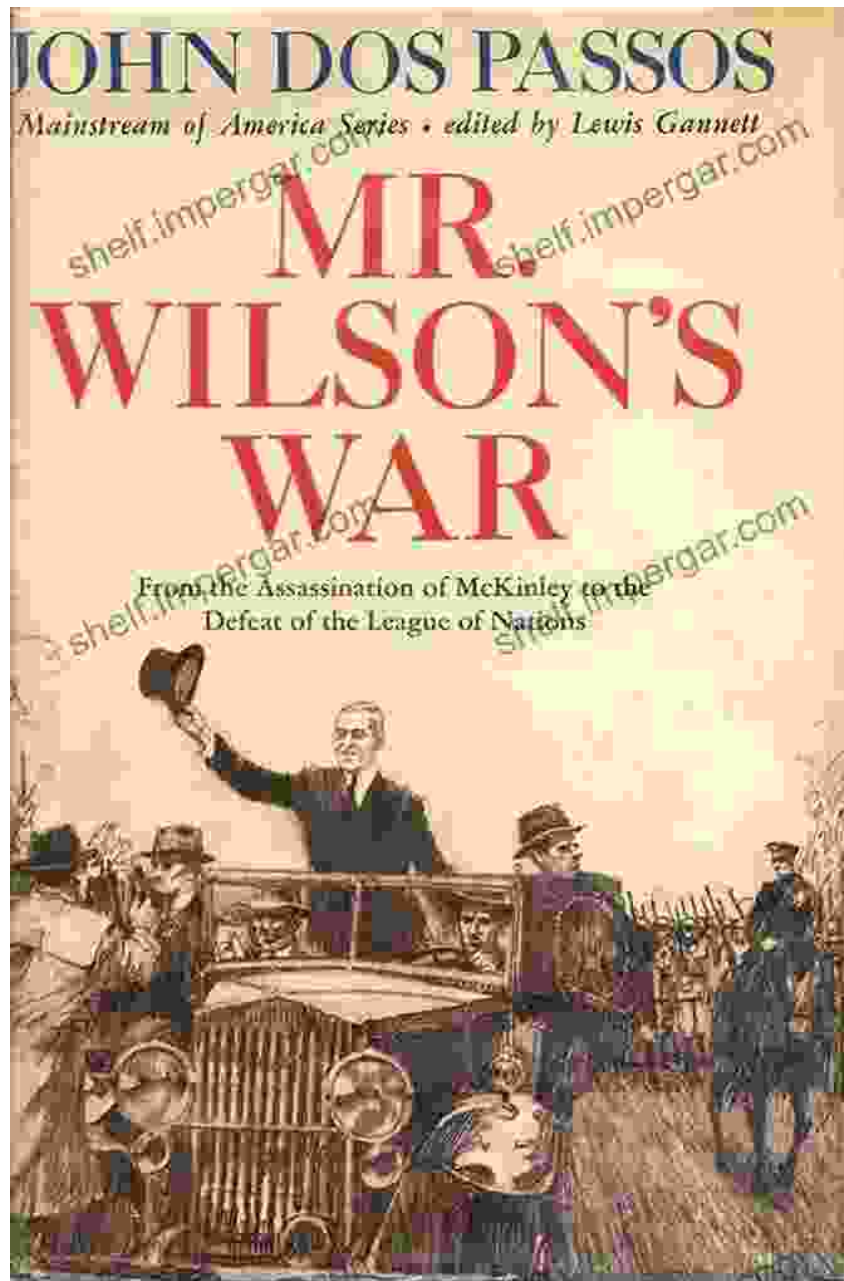
Consequences:

- Massive job losses and economic devastation
- Government relief and public works projects
- Political realignments and the rise of the Democratic Party

The period from the assassination of President McKinley to the defeat of the League of Nations witnessed a series of transformative events that shaped the United States for decades to come. From the rise of Theodore Roosevelt to the Great Depression, this era saw the nation navigate major shifts in domestic and foreign policy, leaving an enduring legacy on its people and its place in the world. By exploring these pivotal moments, we gain a deeper understanding of the complex forces that have shaped American history.

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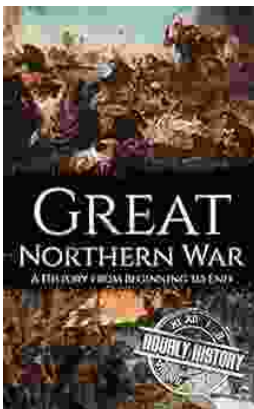
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