

Contemporary American Society
Vocabulary Review Sheet
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- 1. World War I**—Also known as the Great War, was an international conflict that began in 1914 and ended in 1918.
- 2. World War II**—A global war that lasted from 1939 to 1945. It involved the vast majority of the world's countries—including all of the great powers—forming two opposing military alliances: the Allies and the Axis powers.
- 3. Vietnam War**—A conflict in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia from 1955 to the fall of Saigon in 1975. It was officially fought between North Vietnam and South Vietnam.
- 4. Woodrow Wilson**—The 28th U.S. president, served in office from 1913 to 1921 and led America through World War I (1914-1918).
- 5. Franklin D Roosevelt**—U.S. president during World War II, he ordered that people of Japanese ancestry be forced to relocate and imprisoned in internment camps.
- 6. Pearl Harbor**—A U.S. naval base in Hawaii that was the scene of a devastating surprise attack by Japanese forces in 1941 that caused the U.S. to declare war on Japan.
- 7. War relocation centers**—Japanese-American internment camps during World War II.
- 8. Boycott**—A decision not to use or buy products or services in order to show support for a cause.
- 9. Traitor**—A person who exposes their country to danger by giving information to an enemy.
- 10. Neutral**—A country that doesn't support either side during a war.
- 11. Veteran**—A person who has served in the military.
- 12. Enemy alien**—A person who is associated with a nation or a government with which the U.S. is in conflict.
- 13. Hyphenated American**—An American citizen who can trace their ancestry to another, specified part of the world, and is therefore suspected of divided loyalty, e.g. African-American, German-American, Asian-American.
- 14. Agent Orange**—A toxic chemical sprayed in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos during the Vietnam War that causes severe disabilities and birth defects.