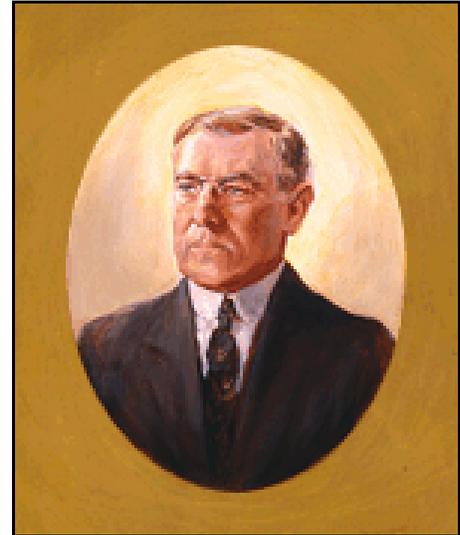


## Woodrow Wilson

1919

*“Friendship will hold the world together.”*

Woodrow Wilson was President of the United States before and during World War I. He saw many people die in this war. He wanted the United States to have friendship with other countries instead of war. He called this group of friendly countries the **League of Nations**. He received the **Nobel Peace Prize** in 1919 for the League of Nations.



Wilson was born in 1856. When he was a boy he lived in the South.

When he grew up he got married and had three daughters. He worked as a lawyer and a teacher.

In 1916 he was elected president for the second time with the **slogan**, “He kept us out of war”. He wanted the United States to be **neutral** and not join in World War I. After some American ships had been sunk by Germany the United States went to war with Germany.

1856- 1924

- **Wilson was president of the United States**
- **Wilson believed all nations should cooperate to prevent war**
- **People in the United States did not want to join the League of Nations**

*“We are citizens of the world.”*

- **Wilson re-married just one year after his first wife died**

Wilson had ideas to help end World War I. He believed that each country should **govern** itself and not be ruled by other countries. The Germans said they would do this and on November 11, 1918 World War I ended.

Wilson went to Paris to talk to the countries who had fought in the war. He wanted to start the **League of Nations**. He believed this would help

nations get along with other and not go to war in the future.

In the United States many people did not want to join the League of Nations. They did not like the idea of cooperating with the other countries.

Wilson did not give up on his League of Nations. He traveled around the United States talking to people to change their minds.

He could not get people in the United States to agree to join the League of Nations.

Wilson was awarded the 1919 Nobel Peace Prize for his idea to create the League of Nations.

## Classroom Activities Woodrow Wilson

### Introduction/Warm-Up:

Think of a conflict in your life, community, or world (example: a fight between your friends, a community issue that has two sides).

What is it?

If you were the official leader to help resolve this conflict in a peaceful way, how would you resolve it?

Look up the United Nations. What is the United Nations? How might it help when countries disagree?

### React to your favorite of the following Woodrow Wilson quotes:

“We are citizens of the world.”

“Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.”

### Discussion Questions:

1. Wilson wanted to stay neutral in what war?
2. What was Wilson’s idea to prevent future wars? Did it work?
3. If the League of Nations had been accepted how might it have affected future wars?

### Vocabulary:

1. Nobel Peace Prize
2. League of Nations
3. slogan
4. neutral

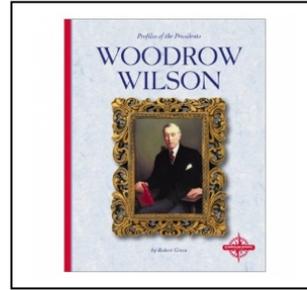
### Activity:

List as many ways as you can how friendship might help friends (and countries) solve conflicts before they become problems.

## Read Together

[Woodrow Wilson](#) by Robert Green

[From the Wilson Library Site](#)



## Resources:

Woodrow Wilson: A Portrait

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/wilson/index.html>, an excellent and thorough PBS website that accompanies a Wilson documentary. It can be used successfully for research without the film.