STANFORD HISTORY EDUCATION GROUP READING LIKE A HIST RIAN



League of Nations (11.4.5)

Background:

In January 1918 President Woodrow Wilson made a speech to Congress where he outlined his vision for a lasting peace in Europe. Wilson's 14 Points was his view on how to bring an end to the war and create a peace for everyone. A key component of the 14 Points for Wilson was the Creation of the League of Nations whose duty would be to keep the peace and allow for nations to work out their differences without going to war. This point was the only one to make it into the final peace treaty, Treaty of Versailles.

Prompt:

Why did Congress reject the League of Nations?

Task:

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Explain what evidence in the documents led you to this conclusion.
- Be certain to cite at least four pieces of evidence from the documents that support your thesis.