

Chapter 6 Section 4

The War's Impact

- ❑ Define inflation and identify the consequences of inflation on companies and workers.
 - ❑ Identify the reasons for racial unrest after World War I.
 - ❑ Identify how Americans felt about communists and the reasons for their feelings.
 - ❑ Who did Americans blame for the strikes and communists ideas coming into the U.S? What did Congress do as a result?
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Inflation

- ❑ Means that prices will increase on items sold at a fast rate.
 - ❑ Consequences of inflation result in;
 1. Expensive items at stores for consumers.
 2. Higher expenses for companies who produce items and manufacture goods.
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Reasons for Inflation

- ❑ After the World War I is over the government removes its control from the economy.
 - ❑ It no longer controls prices, it no longer controls raw materials and it no longer urges people to conserve, ration or save their money.
 - ❑ As a result Americans go out and start spending and buying, these actions push prices to increase.
 - ❑ Americans push for higher wages, the companies won't budge because their expenses have increased as well and so workers strike.
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Racial Unrest

- ❑ American soldiers began coming home. As they came back many went out in search of jobs and places to live.
 - ❑ As a result minority groups who experienced great benefits and access faced the challenge of maintaining both the benefits and access they experienced.
 - ❑ As competition increased, tension between both minorities and Americans rose, which led to violence, riots and discrimination.
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Red Scare

- ❑ The wave of strikes and racial unrest helped fuel fears that communists were conspiring to start a revolution in the U.S.
 - ❑ Americans were upset at Russia and its communist party for withdrawing from the war, which allowed the Germans to focus on the Western front.
 - ❑ Americans began to associate communism with being unpatriotic and disloyal.
 - ❑ As a result Americans feared that communists might seize power and that led to the “Red Scare.”
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Who's to Blame?

- ❑ Many Americans began to blame immigrants for the communist ideas coming into the U.S.
 - ❑ They blamed them for the labor unrest and racial unrest society was facing.
 - ❑ Americans feared that communists under the Communist International were conspiring to start a revolution in the U.S.
 - ❑ As a result Congress is forced to limit immigration from Europe.
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