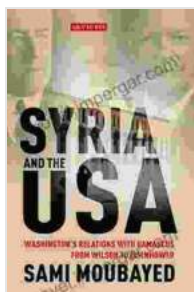


# Unraveling the Entangled History: Washington's Relations with Damascus from Wilson to Eisenhower

In the tapestry of international diplomacy, the relationship between the United States and Syria has unfolded over decades, marked by both cooperation and discord. The period from the presidency of Woodrow Wilson to Dwight D. Eisenhower, chronicled in the groundbreaking work "Washington Relations With Damascus From Wilson To Eisenhower," provides a comprehensive account of this intricate connection.

## From Allies to Adversaries: A Shifting Landscape

The early 20th century witnessed a complex interplay between Washington and Damascus. During World War I, the United States and Syria found themselves on opposing sides, with Syria under Ottoman rule. However, the post-war mandate system, which placed Syria under French control, brought about a shift in relations. America supported the Syrian nationalist movement, recognizing Syria's right to self-determination.



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As Syria gained independence in 1946, hopes for a strong partnership emerged. The United States provided economic assistance and supported Syria's bid for admission to the United Nations. However, tensions mounted over issues such as the Arab-Israeli conflict and Syria's alignment with the Soviet bloc.

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The presidency of Dwight D. Eisenhower marked a turning point in Washington's relations with Damascus. Eisenhower's administration pursued a policy of containment towards the Soviet Union, viewing Syria as a potential strategic ally. The United States provided military and economic aid to Syria, and in 1957, the two countries established diplomatic relations.

However, Eisenhower's support for Syria was short-lived. As Syria moved closer to the Soviet Union and became increasingly involved in regional conflicts, the United States reassessed its stance. In 1962, the United States suspended aid to Syria, and relations deteriorated further.

### **Untangling the Diplomacy: Insights from the Archives**

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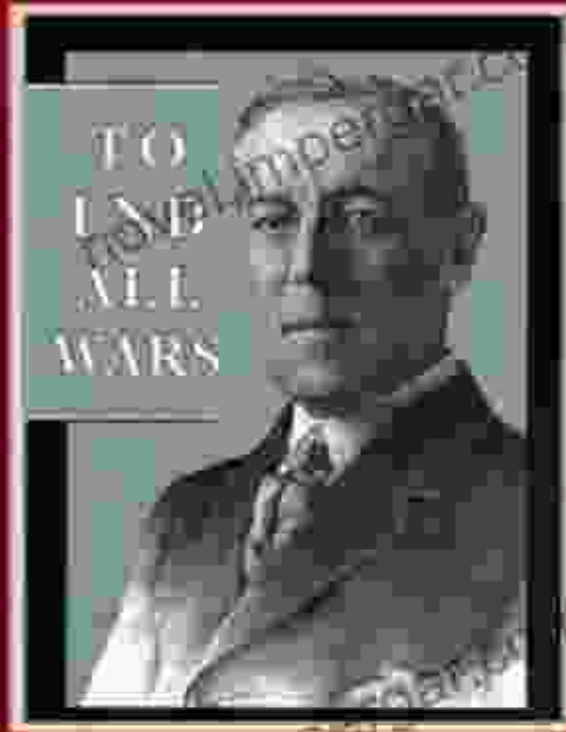
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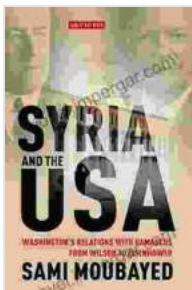
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# Wilson's Foreign Policy



- Wilson was obsessed with establishing a new world order.
- He believed the US should promote democracy around the world in order to insure peace.
- Believed that all nations could work together to end war
- AND, a country's foreign policy decisions should be based on honesty and unselfishness...
- Events around the world, however, kept him from ever realizing his dream.



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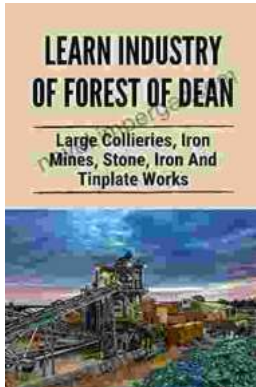
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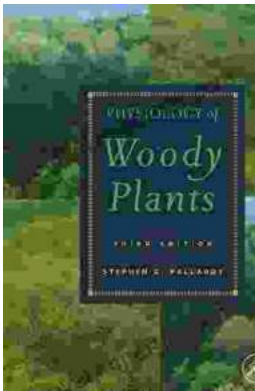
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