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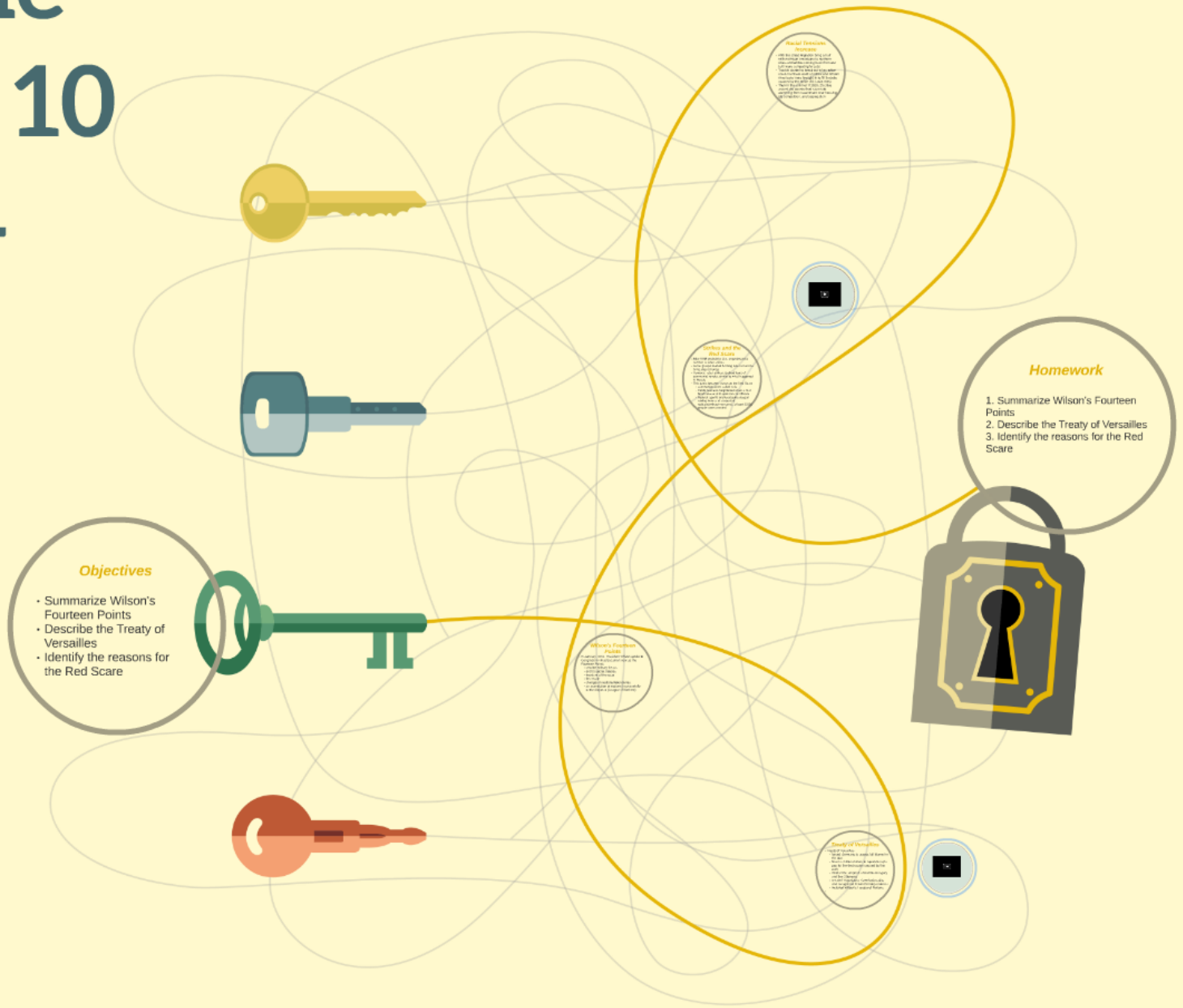

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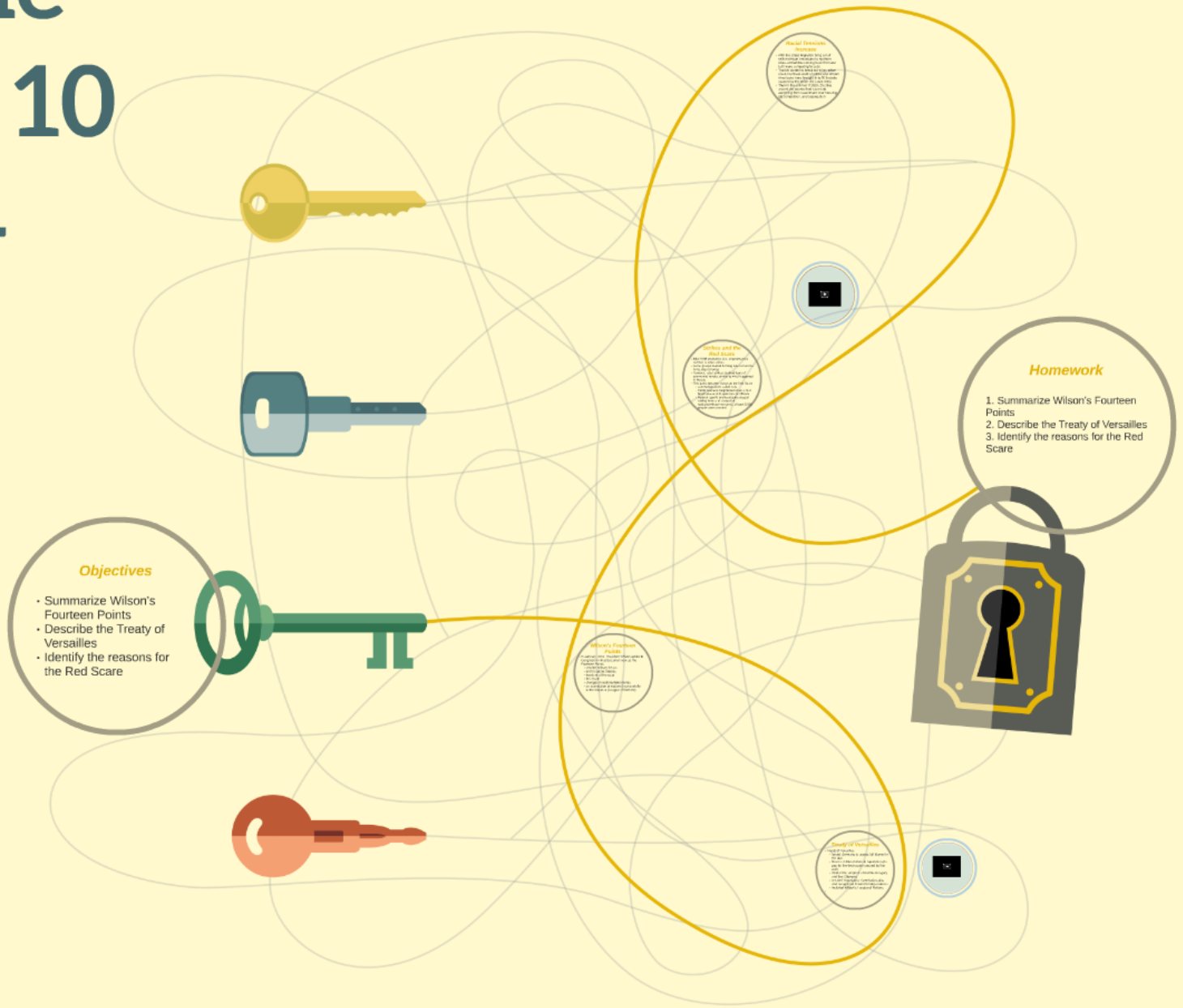

Objectives

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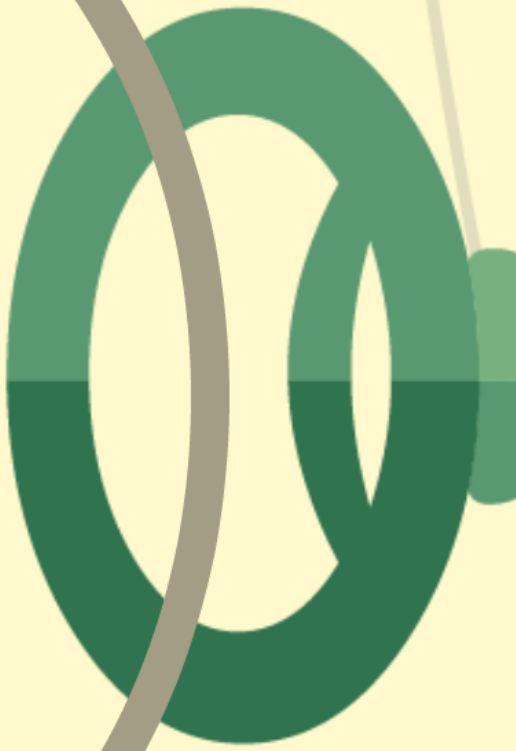

Wilson's Fourteen Points

- In January 1918, President Wilson spoke to Congress in what became know as the *Fourteen Points*
  - smaller military forces
  - end to secret treaties
  - freedom of the seas
  - free trade
  - changes in national boundaries
  - an association of nations to peacefully settle disputes (League of Nations)

Treaty of Versailles

- Treaty of Versailles
  - forced Germany to accept full blame for the war
  - fined 33 billion dollars in reparations(to pay for the destruction caused by the war)
  - divided the empires of Austria-Hungary and the Ottomans
  - created Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and recognized Poland's independence
  - included Wilson's League of Nations
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Strikes and the Red Scare

- After WWI ended the U.S. experienced a number of labor strikes
- Some groups started forming labor unions to bring about change
- However, labor strikes sparked fears of communist revolts, similar to what happened in Russia
- This panic became known as the Red Scare
  - communists were called reds
  - Public fear was heightened when a mail bomb was sent to government officials
  - Federal agents and local police began raiding homes of suspected radicals(without warrants), at least 6,000 people were arrested

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Racial Tensions Increase

- With the Great Migration bring a half million African Americans to northern cities, and whites coming back from war both were competing for jobs
- Trouble started to break out when white union members went on strike and African Americans were brought in to fill the jobs vacated by the strike (St. Louis riots)
- Then in the summer if 1919, 25 cities around the country had race riots stemming from resentment over housing, job competition, and segregation

Homework

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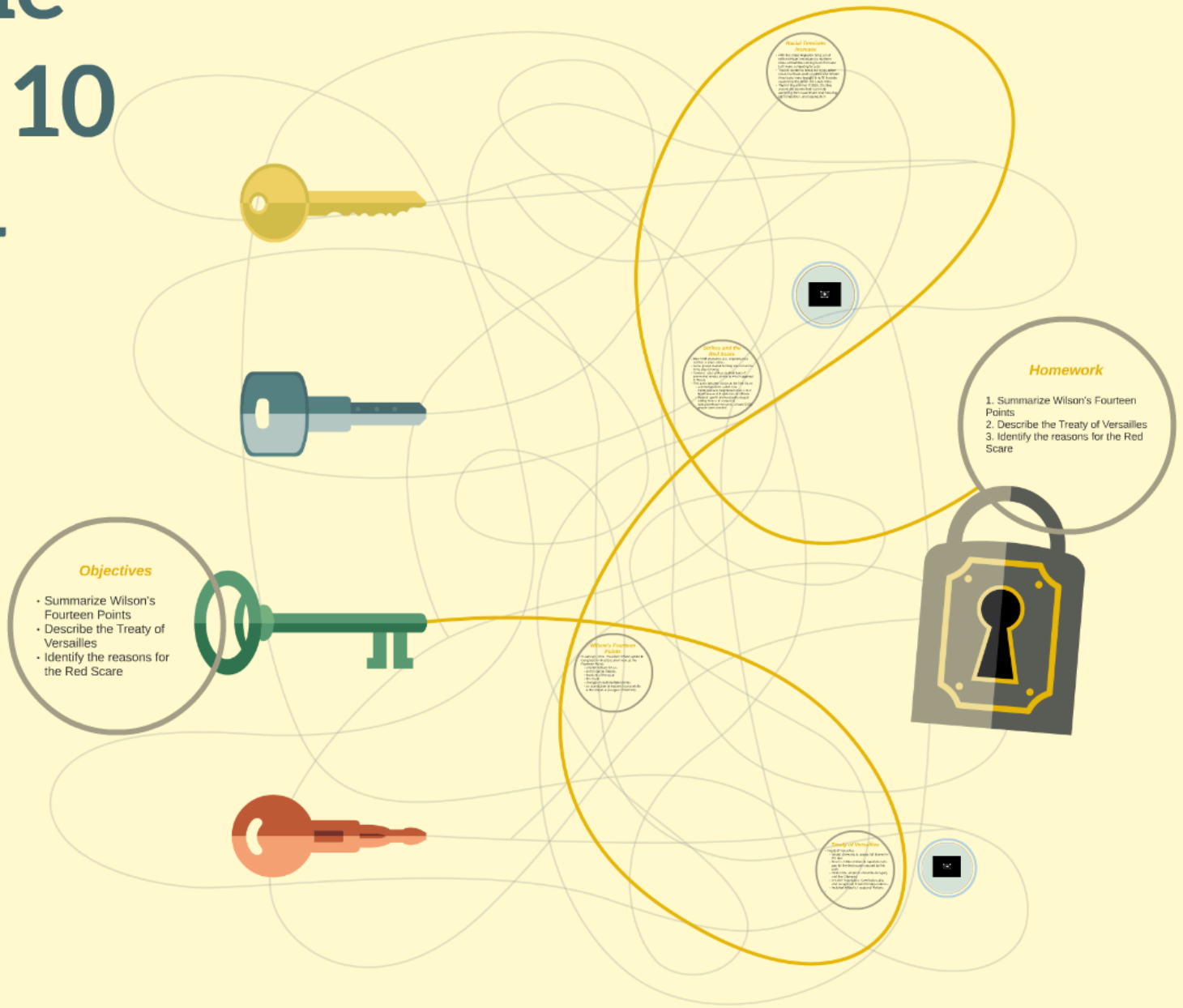

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