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Analyzing Songs

The following are lyrics from two American songs

I. *"I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier;
I brought him up to be my pride and joy.
Who dares to place a musket on his shoulder,
To shoot some other mother's darling boy?"*

II. *"America, I raised a boy for you.
America, you'll find him staunch and true.
Place a gun upon his shoulder;
He is ready to die or do."*

The first song was popular in 1915; the second was popular in 1917. In a few sentences, contrast the attitudes expressed in the two songs and identify events between 1915 and 1917 that might explain the differences