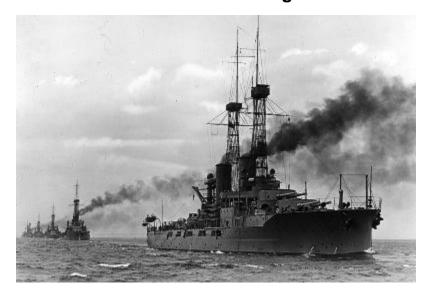
U.S. Atlantic Fleet at Sea Approaching in Column Formation, Dreadnought Delaware Leading



U.S. Atlantic fleet at sea approaching in column formation, dreadnought Delaware leading. Before airplanes and aircraft carriers came of age in World War II, dreadnoughts - very large and heavily armed ships - were the most fearsome surface vessels in the world.; A strong shipbuilding industry was essential if ships like the USS Delaware were to be produced. The effort of the major world powers to build capital ships - large and powerful warships like the U.S.S. Delaware - came to be known as the naval arms race.

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