

### Reasons for United States Involvement in World War I

Directions: Use the chart below to answer the following questions in complete sentences. Answers not in complete sentences will be marked wrong.

<p>I. Closer Ties with Allies</p> <p>A) Many Americans traced their ancestry to Britain.</p> <p>B) A common language and history tied Americans to the British.</p> <p>C) The Americans, British and French shared the same democratic political system.</p>
<p>II. German Actions and Allied Propaganda</p> <p>A) Americans were shocked at the German invasion of neutral Belgium.</p> <p>B) The <u>Zimmerman Telegram</u>, a secret message from the German Foreign Minister, promised to return U.S. territories to Mexico if Mexico acted against the United States.</p>
<p>III. Violation of Freedom of the Seas</p> <p>A) This was the main reason for American entry into World War I – <u>unrestricted German submarine warfare</u>.</p> <p>1. A British naval blockade prevented food and arms from being shipped to Germany.</p> <p>2. The United States became the main source for Allied arms, supplies, food, and loans.</p> <p>3. The Germany navy was too weak to break the British blockade.</p> <p>4. By using submarines, Germany could retaliate by sinking ships delivering goods to Great Britain.</p>
<p>IV. Sinking the <i>Lusitania</i></p> <p>A) By 1915, a German submarine sank the British passenger ship Lusitania, killing over 1,000 passengers, including 128 Americans.</p>
<p>V. Sussex Pledge</p> <p>A) After a German submarine attacked a French passenger ship in 1916, President Wilson threatened to break off relations with Germany.</p> <p>B) Germany pledged not to sink any ships without warning or helping passengers.</p>
<p>VI. Germany uses Submarine Warfare</p> <p>A) Suffering from near-starvation, the Germans announced they would sink ships in the blockaded areas.</p> <p>B) This was a violation of the ‘freedom of the seas’ – the right of neutral ships to ship no-war goods to nations at war.</p> <p>C) When German submarines attacked merchant vessels, Wilson asked Congress to declare war on Germany in 1917.</p>

1- Why were Americans more likely to support the British in a European conflict?

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2- What invasion had shocked the Americans?

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3- Why had this invasion shocked the Americans?

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4- What was the Zimmerman Telegram?

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5- Why did the Zimmerman Telegram shock the Americans?

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6- What is a naval blockade?

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7- Why had the British created a naval blockade?

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8- What nation was the main source of supplies for the Allies?

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9- How was Germany hurt by the naval blockade?

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10- How could Germany retaliate against the British?

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11- So, what is unrestricted submarine warfare?

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12- What had happened to the Lusitania?

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13- Why were Americans particularly upset about the sinking of the Lusitania?

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14- What was the Sussex Pledge?

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15- Why did Germany break its promise?

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16- What is freedom of the seas?

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17- How did Germany violate freedom of the seas?

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18- So, what was the main reason why the United States entered World War I?

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19- In what year did the United States enter World War I?

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20- What had happened in Russia in that same year? (Previous Knowledge)

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21- Do you remember the fighting on the Western Front and the Eastern Front? What kind of fighting occurred on the Western Front? (Previous Knowledge)

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22- Describe trench warfare.

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23- What happened on the Eastern Front?

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24- How did the arrival of the Americans change the Western Front?

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25- Which nations won the First World War? \_\_\_\_\_

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