

Aim # 28 Why Did America get involved in WWI?

I. Which side should the US pick?

Central Powers:

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Allies:

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US Exports to both sides:

Nations	1914	1915	1916
Britain	\$594,271,863	\$911,794,954	\$1,526,685,102
France	\$159,818,924	\$364,397,170	\$628,851,988
Germany	\$344,794,276	\$28,863,354	\$288,899

II. What did it take to get the US involved?

A. Blockades and Submarine warfare



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Y-53 German Submarine 1916

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4. Lusitania torpedoed, sinking with 1200 passengers and crew (including 128 Americans).

5. When the US criticized Germany for their action, Germany said it would stop.



German Propaganda Justifying Lusitania sinking

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B. Unlimited Submarine Warfare



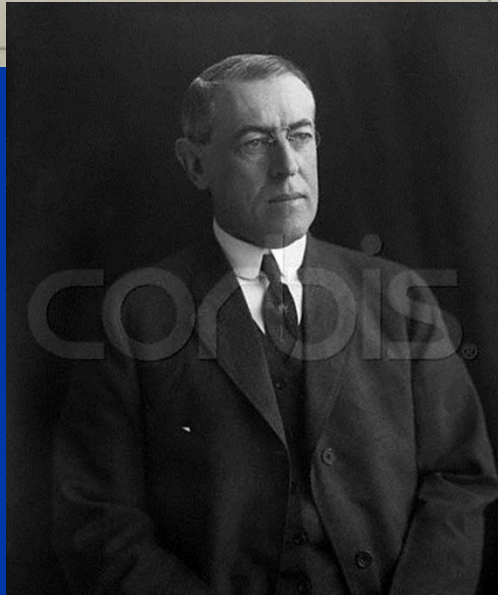
1. 1917 war going badly for Germany.
2. Announced "unrestricted submarine warfare" in the war zone

What did it take to get the US involved?

C. Zimmerman Note

- US intercepted a note from Germany to Mexico,
- It promised Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona back in return for an alliance

III. Convincing the American People



A. Propaganda

B. Idealism:

1. Goals For War:

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2. Fourteen Points

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IV. How did the US help?

A. Supplies:



1. US provided the food, money, and fresh troops needed to win the war.

V. The War Ends

A. The Germans' Last Offensive



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B. The Armistice



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