

America Joins the War 1917



While alliances are
being formed...where
is America?

Hint: 1860s?? 1900s??

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1.) **British Blockade**: G.B starts blockade ships crossing the Atlantic Ocean

GB's Fear?

(this applies to the USA also)

-In Response -

2.) **Feb. 1915 German Blockade**: Germany starts a blockade. = Germany promises to “sink without warning” any ship that passed into the “War-zone”.



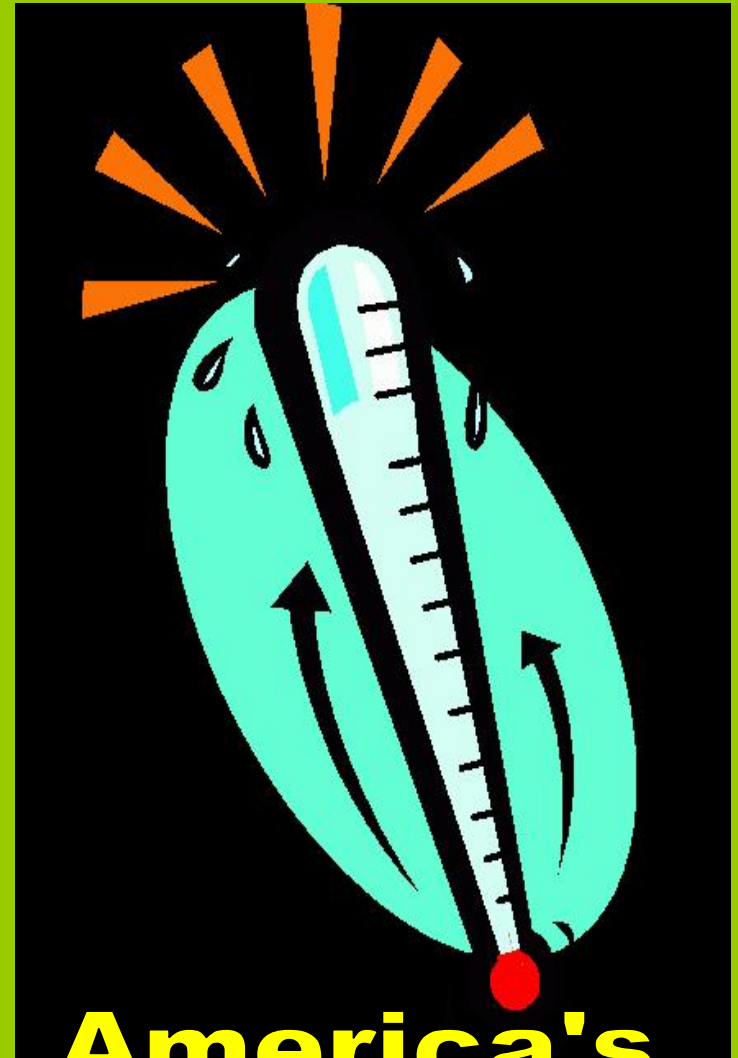
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3.) May 7, 1915 Lusitania is attacked : Germany sinks French passenger ship. Kills 1,260 people on board ÷ 128 are Americans.

-In Response -

4.) March 1916 Sussex is attacked : Wilson warn that the U.S. will get involved = Germany signs Sussex Pledge = promises to stop sinking innocent ships.



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"All the News That's Fit to Print"

The New York Times.

EXTRA
8:30 A. M.

VOL. LXXV., NO. 14881. 1917

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1917—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES.

ONE CENT. (LITHOGRAPHED IN U.S.A.)

LUSITANIA SUNK BY A SUBMARINE, PROBABLY 1,260 DEAD; TWICE TORPEDOED OFF IRISH COAST; SINKS IN 15 MINUTES; CAPT. TURNER SAVED, FROHMAN AND VANDERBILT MISSING; WASHINGTON BELIEVES THAT A GRAVE CRISIS IS AT HAND

SHOCKS THE PRESIDENT

Washington Deeply Struck by the Loss of American Lives.

BULLETINS AT WHITE HOUSE

Wilson Reads Them Closely, but is Silent on the Nation's Course.

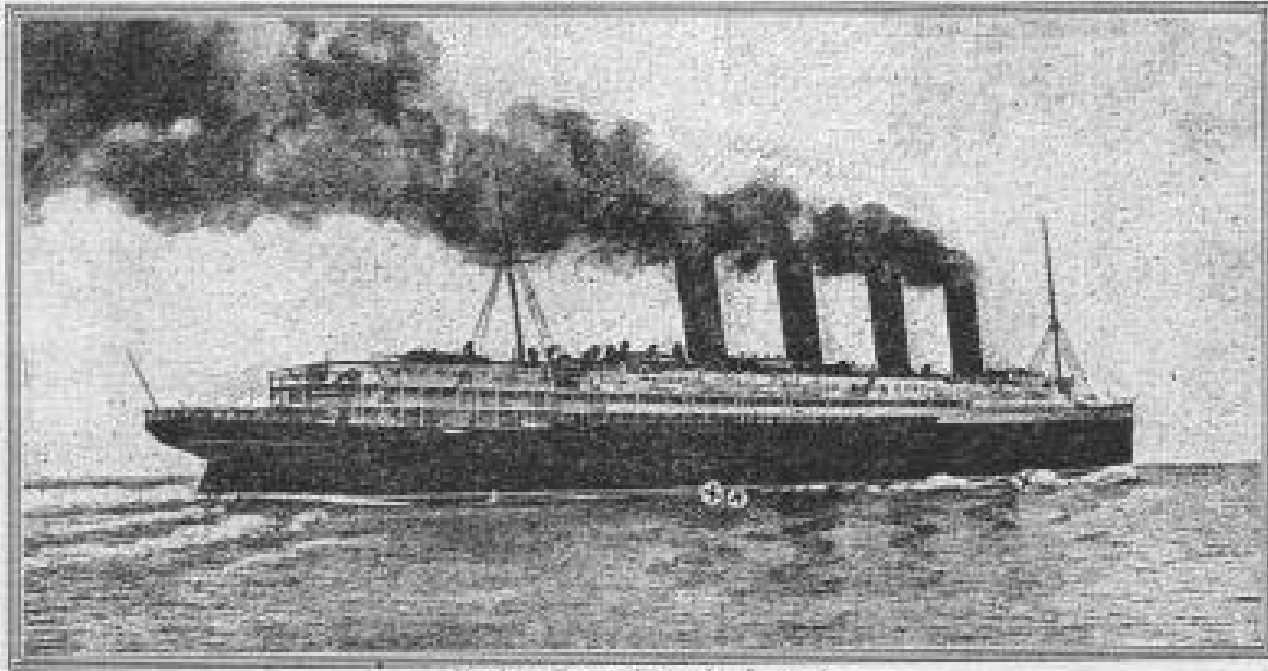
SENATORS OF CONGRESS CALL

Loss of Lusitania Results First Test of Our First Warning to Germany.

CAPITAL FULL OF RUMORS

Reports That Loss May be the Worst Ever Made Before Actual News Came.

Special to The New York Times.
WASHINGTON, May 5.—(AP)—The news that the Lusitania had been sunk by a submarine was received here with a shock and the possibility of the Lusitania. The early reports said that only 100 had been saved, but the latest news says that 1,260 were killed and 1,000 were missing. The news is being received here with a shock and the possibility of the Lusitania.



The Lost Lusitania Steamship Lusitania
A Where the First Torpedo Struck. B Where the Second Torpedo Struck.

SOME DEAD TAKEN HOME

Several Hundred Survivors at Queenstown and Bristol.

STEWARTS TELL OF HORROR

One Torpedo Crashes Into the Lusitania's Bow, Another Hits the Empty Stern.

SHIP LISTS GIVEN TO PORT

Water is Impossible to Load Many Boats, No Passengers Must Have Gotten Down.

ATTACKED IN BROAD DAY

Passengers at Queenstown Had Been Saved by Germans in the First Lusitania Attack.

Only 650 Were Saved, First Cabin Passengers

WASHINGTON, May 5, 1917. (AP)—Survivors of the Lusitania who have arrived here say more than 1,260 died and 1,000 were missing, and the only...

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5.) June 1916: Congress passes

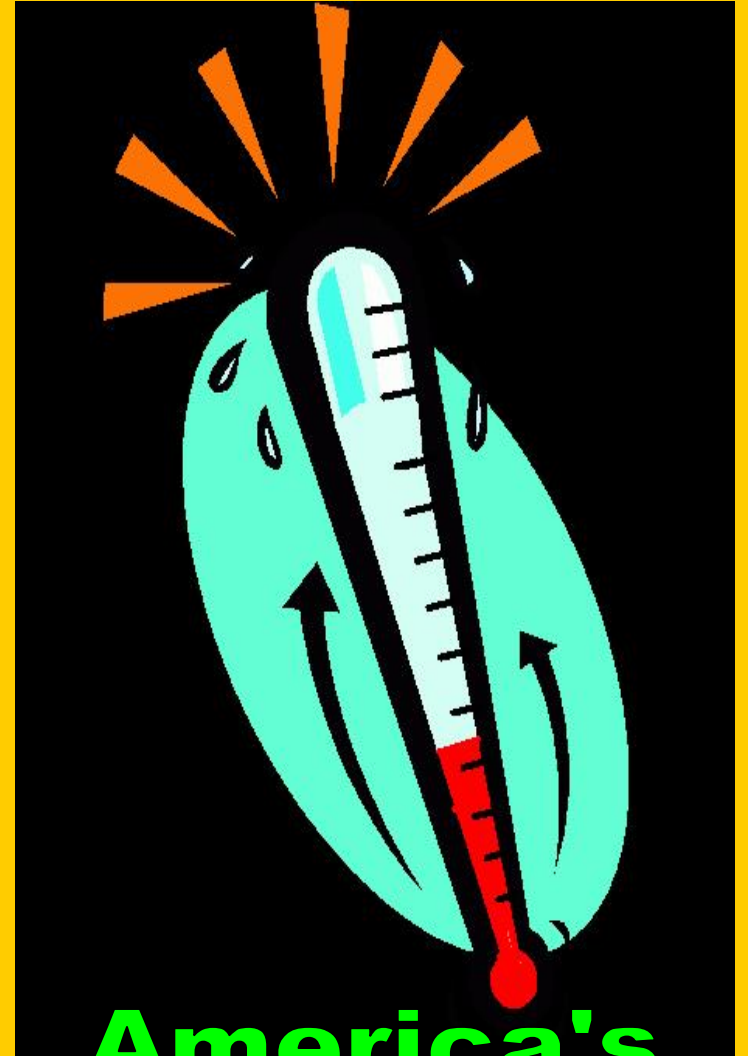
National Defense Act

- “ Increases army by 175,000
- “ Funds construction of 50 warships to be completed in 1 year

So are we still neutral??

6.) 1916 Election: Wilson wins again.

- “ Slogan = “He kept us out of the war+”



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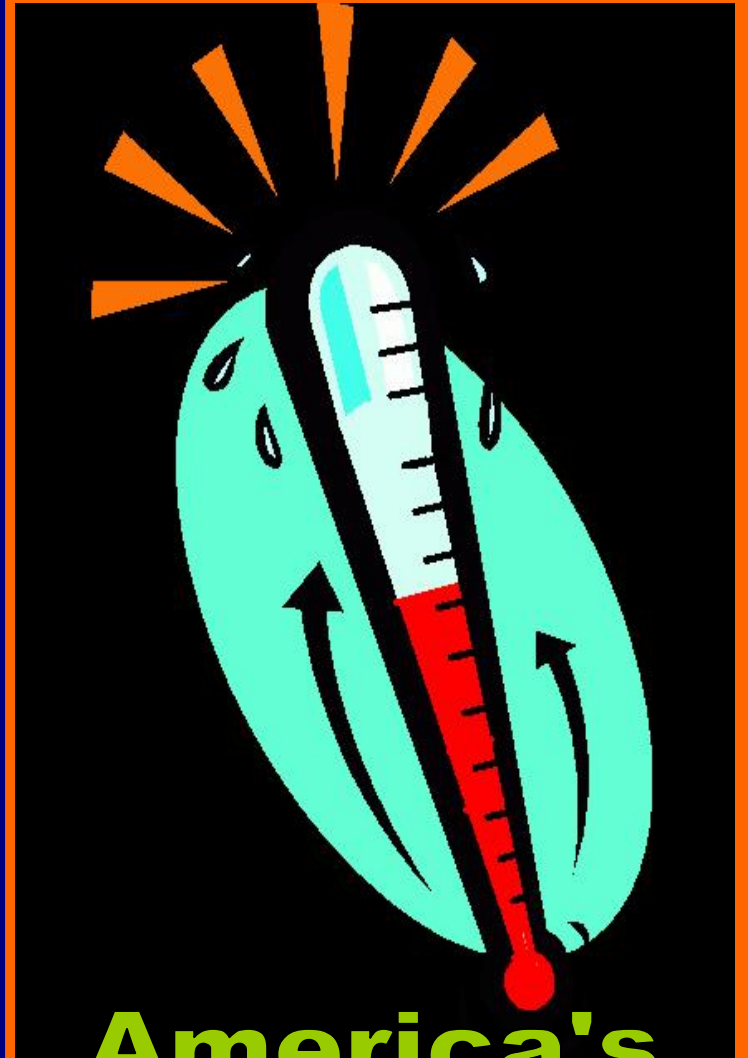
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7.) Jan. 1917 Zimmerman

Telegram : Zimmerman =
German official.

- Zimmerman asks Mexico to join the Central powers if U.S. joined the war. He promises Mexico land (Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona).
- GB intercepts this message
o America is angry.

Oh and on o Feb 3-March 21 =
Germany starts sinking boats
again.



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APRIL 6, 1917

**AMERICA ENTERS THE
WAR.
HOUSE VOTES 373 TO 50.**

Group Discussions

“America’s Involvement in the War (For/ Against)”

Prep Work:

- 1.) Review the Time-Line Notes “America Enters the War”
- 2.) Read your assigned viewpoint (Norris/Wilson)
 - While you read, document statements that support your viewpoint. (at least 10 things)
- 3.) Write a 1 paragraph opening statement