

“U.S. Entry into World War I”: Jocz Productions Video Guide

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1. What was the U.S. response to the outbreak of World War I in 1914?
2. **How did violations of America’s neutrality during World War I compare to violations of American neutrality during the French Revolution / Napoleonic Wars (from Washington to Madison)? Compare and contrast the violations of U.S. neutrality and the responses of the United States.**
3. What motivated Germany to begin sinking ships with U-Boats?
4. How did the sinking of the Lusitania contribute to a deterioration of relations between the United States and Germany?
5. What further violations of freedom of the sea took place after the sinking of the Lusitania?
6. In what ways did the United States economically favor the allied cause?
7. Why did Germany return to unrestricted submarine warfare in early 1917?
8. What did the Zimmermann Telegram propose? How did its publication contribute to America’s involvement in World War I?
9. What reasons did President Wilson give to Congress for entering World War I?
10. **Why do you think Wilson focused on a defense of humanitarian and democratic principles when asking Congress for a declaration of war?**
11. **Do you think Wilson could have done more to keep the United States out of World War I? Please justify your response with specific historical evidence.**
12. How did each of these contribute to America’s decision to enter in World War I?
 - ✓ German U-boat attacks on neutral ships
 - ✓ Zimmermann Telegram
 - ✓ Wilson’s desire to be involved in the peace process
 - ✓ Economic connection to allied war effort

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