

America Stays Out

- Germany declared war on neutral Belgium and invaded Belgium to get to _____
- U.S. stayed out.
- **Neutrality** - the state of remaining independent and not forming political _____ with other countries.
- Initially the U. S. remained _____ (did not take sides)

1. Many Americans had relatives on _____ sides.
2. Europe was really _____ away, so it did not really affect the U.S.
3. Trade would be profitable if we could keep trading with _____ sides.



Blockade

An act of means of sealing off a place to _____ goods or people from entering or leaving.

Importance of the Naval Blockade

1. British controlled the _____ and hoped to starve Germany of imports especially food.
2. Britain hoped to _____ the German Navy, so they could not head to the North _____
 1. Whom did the British Navy blockade?
 2. To whom were all American armaments sold?
 3. Whom did the Americans tilt towards from the very beginning?
 4. What did American companies also sell to Britain and France?

Submarine Warfare

Germany started to attack _____ ships rather than warships.

1. What was Germany's only solution?
2. What would the German campaign do?

May 19 _____ Germany Sank the _____

1. When the Lusitania left New York, how long had Europe been fighting WWI?
2. How many Americans died when the Lusitania sank?

March 24, 19 _____ German _____ attacked the Sussex.

Wilson threatened to cut off _____ relations with Germany

diplomatic relations:

- arrangement _____ two countries
 - each has representatives like _____ in the other country
- Sussex Pledge** (19 _____) – Germany promised not to _____ merchant vessels without warning.

1917

Zimmerman Telegram – a _____ sent from Germany to Mexico

- It proposed an _____ between Germany and Mexico.



1. What did Germany announce would happen to any ship entering the war zone?
2. What happened on February third?
3. What happened by 1917?

February 1917 –

- Germans _____ unrestricted submarine warfare.
- _____ supplies from getting to England
- break the Sussex _____

February ____, 1917 Wilson broke off diplomatic relations with Germany

March 1, 1917 - American people _____ of the contents of the Zimmerman Telegram.

1. What did Americans learn on March 1st?
2. What did Wilson see when he got the telegram?

German Submarines sank _____ American cargo ships.

April 6, 1917 - U.S. _____ War on _____

1. What did the Germans increase in 1917?
2. What did Wilson hope?
3. When did Americans arrive in France?

4. How did the soldiers feel when they realized what war was really like?

