1. United States (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. Before World War I, the United States largely believed in a policy known as (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This means the United States did not want to get involved in the affairs of other countries.
   2. Therefore, at the beginning of World War I, the United States decided to remain (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, meaning they did not pick a side.
   3. The president during World War I was (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He believed that the United States had a special role to play in the war. Not only did he think the United States should remain neutral, but they should **mediate** a solution between the Allied Powers and the Central Powers.
   4. However, United States neutrality was somewhat **hypocritical**. Even though they pledged not to pick a side, they still traded with European countries.
   5. It quickly became obvious that the United States was trading more with the (5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Powers of Great Britain, France, and Russia; and they were hardly trading at all with the (6)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Powers of Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire.
2. The War at Sea
   1. The greatest advantage of the Allied Powers at the beginning of the war was the (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   2. This prevented the Central Powers (Germany and Austria-Hungary) from getting food and weapons.
   3. Therefore, the Central Powers used their secret weapon, the (8)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, also known as the submarine.
   4. This policy was condemned by the United States as (9)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   5. The war is going to hit home with the U.S. in May, 1915. German U-boats (submarines) sank the passenger ship (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ killing almost 1,200 people of which **128** were Americans.
   6. The U.S. sternly protested such acts of warfare claiming it violated the concept of (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. The United States is Drawn into War
   1. **President Wilson** attempted to negotiate peace among the warring nations, but to no avail.
   2. After the sinking of the Lusitania, Germany signed the (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, saying they would no longer bomb United State ships.
   3. However, in January, 1917, as Germany faced defeat and their people faced starvation, Germany resumed unrestricted submarine warfare. Four unarmed U.S. merchant ships will be sunk by German U-boats.
   4. Furthermore, in 1917, Germany sent the (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
   5. German foreign minister Alfred **Zimmermann** sent a note to the German ambassador of Mexico that said the following:
      1. Mexico will join Germany and the Central Powers in the war.
      2. Mexico was to attack the U.S. to keep them out of Europe
      3. Once Germany won the war in Europe, they would come and help Mexico fight the U.S. in order to reclaim lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona.
   6. The final straw that led the United States to declare war and join the Allies was when the (14)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ monarchy was overthrown and they left the war.
      1. Now that Russia was out of the war, many were afraid that Germany might win. Although the United States was supposed to be neutral, they really wanted the Allies to win.
      2. Also, Russia had a king. The United States did not feel comfortable joining the Allies because they only wanted to support (15)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Now that Russia was out, they could join the Allies.
   7. After much debate, the U.S. declared war on Germany and the Central Powers in early (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There were two main reasons the U.S. ultimately entered WWI and on the side of the Allied powers