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Crossing Into War

Directions: Read the questions below and write short, clear answers in complete sentences. Use what you know about U.S. history and World War I to explain why the United States decided to enter the war in 1917.

1. What event involving a British passenger ship helped turn American public opinion against Germany?

2. How did Germany's use of unrestricted submarine warfare threaten neutral nations like the United States?

3. What message, intercepted by British intelligence, revealed Germany's plan to persuade Mexico to attack the United States?

4. How did American economic and political ties with the Allies influence the decision to join the war?

5. What phrase did President Woodrow Wilson use to describe America's reason for entering the conflict, and what did it mean?
