World War I: Analyzing Events and Attitudes

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**Part I – Complete below**

1. Use the suggested web sites to annotate the following timeline. Give a detailed account of each event and its significance.

**June 28, 1914:** Assassination of Archduke Ferdinand

**August 4, 1914:** Great Britain Declares War on Germany

**May 7, 1915:** Sinking of the Lusitania

**January 19, 1917:** Zimmerman Telegram Intercepted by Britain

**April 6, 1917:** United States Declares War on Germany

1. From the timeline above, choose three dates that influenced the U.S. decision to enter the war and explain their impact.

**Part II – Answer in Google Classroom**

Use the suggested web sites to answer questions on United States attitudes toward the war.

1. What was the American reaction to the sinking of the Lusitania? What were the arguments for blaming Germany? What were the arguments for blaming Britain?

1. In the article "War Is 'a Blessing, Not a Curse'," what precedents in American history are cited for the United States joining the war?
2. What does Senator Norris mean when he says, "It is now demanded that the American citizens shall be used as insurance policies to guarantee the safe delivery of munitions of war..."? How does he suggest the U.S. could have avoided entry into the war?
3. Look at the U.S. propaganda posters from World War I. What emotions are conveyed? Which one has the most powerful message?