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America Enters WWI

RECAP:

JUNE 28TH, 1914 – Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife are shot by Serbian nationalists

- ★ Austria-Hungary is angry at Serbia, sends list of demands, gives ultimatums

JULY 28TH, 1914 – Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia, WWI begins!

The 2 Sides of WWI:

Central Powers:

- GERMANY
- AUSTRIA-HUNGARY
- OTTOMAN EMPIRE
- BULGARIA

Allied Powers:

- GREAT BRITAIN
- FRANCE
- RUSSIA
- ITALY

American Enters War:

While the United States generally supported the **ALLIED POWERS**, they officially remained **NEUTRAL** at the beginning of the war.

- **Neutrality: NOT SUPPORTING OR HELPING EITHER SIDE OF A WAR, CONFLICT, OR DISAGREEMENT**

Germany Interferes:

Although the U.S. was officially neutral, Germany continued to attack ships carrying **AMERICAN PASSENGERS**

These attacks were part of a German policy called **UNRESTRICTED WARFARE**

- **ANY SHIP TRAVELING IN WATERS AROUND GREAT BRITAIN WAS SUBJECT TO ATTACK BY GERMAN U-BOATS**

Sinking of the Lusitania:

The Lusitania was **TORPEDOED** by German U-Boats.

Fearing US entry into war, Germany agreed to stop **ATTACKING PASSENGER SHIPS**

The Zimmerman Note:

REPEATED ATTACKS ON SHIPPING brought the U.S. close to war with Germany.

The discovery of the **ZIMMERMAN NOTE** February of 1917 was the final push.

The Note:

- The Zimmerman Note was **SECRET MESSAGE FROM A GERMAN DIPLOMAT TO MEXICO**
- The note proposed that **MEXICO SHOULD ATTACK THE US IN EXCHANGE FOR US LAND**

The US enters WWI on the **ALLIED POWERS SIDE** in April of 1917.