

Events that took place from 1915-1917

1) The Sinking of the Lusitania

Cause & Consequence:

A) In the 5 points below, indicate whether the statement benefited the **Central Powers** (Germany, Austro-Hungary) or the **Allied Powers** (Britain, France, Italy).

Cause & Consequence:	Benefited Who?
1) Germany knew that British ships (whether it's civilian or not) were bringing weapons overseas from North America to help support the war front in Europe. (McDermott, 2018)	
2) Germany broke naval rules when it started attacking passenger ships like the <i>Lusitania</i> . (McDermott, 2018)	
3) Germany killed 128 Americans when it sank the Lusitania in 1915.	
4) Germany also sunk 2 more American ships in 1917. (Hoogeveen, 2014)	
5) The United States joined the war in April, 1917. (Hoogeveen, 2014)	

B) Do you think it was fair for the Germans to break naval rules if the British/Canadians/Americans were using passenger ships to send war supplies and weapons to Europe? Why or why not?

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2) The Halifax Explosion

C) Who's Fault Was It & What Can We Learn About This Event?

- Was it the commanding officer of the harbour who was controlling traffic?
- Was it the captain of the Mont Blanc who was coming into the pier and seeing there's a ship in front and "assumed" it was going to move out of the way in time within a narrow channel?
- Or was it someone else?

Explain your reasoning.

What can we learn from this event?

3) The Conscription Crisis:

Notes on the Military Service Act:

Ethical Dimensions of History:

D) Do you think it is fair to force people to go to war? Was this move necessary? Why or Why not?

4) The Khaki Election of 1917

Notes on the Military Voters Act:	Notes on the Wartime Elections Act:

Continuity and Change:

With all these "specific" conditions of voting in the next election, Borden managed to secure his win once again.

E) Do you think the pros outweigh the cons in this Khaki Election? (Since women of certain families are now given the right to vote, etc.) Explain.
