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The Writing Task

You are writing an essay about World War I. You must explain why the United States decided to enter into this European war.

In your essay you must explain and discuss the following general causes of the war in Europe:

- 1) NATIONALISM
- 2) MILITARISM
- 3) ALLIANCES

You must answer the question: WHY did the United States enter into World War I?

Examples of reasons you should include:

- 1) The United States trading relationship with European countries
- 2) The sinking of the *Lusitania*
- 3) The *Zimmerman* telegram
- 4) The American belief in freedom and democracy