Reasons for U.S. Entry into World War I

When WWI first broke out, the U.S. adopted a policy of neutrality. However, this soon began to change. In 2 sentences, summarize how each of the following ideas/events helped push the U.S. toward war:

Ethnic Loyalties

Americans had strong ties to European countries due to recent immigration to the U.S. German-Americans favored the Central Powers.
Many Americans favored Great Britain because of our common language & history.

Trade with the Allies

U.S. banks loaned millions of dollars to Allies. U.S. businesses sold supplies to both the British & Germans. When Britain's naval blockade stopped supplies to Germany, Wilson told them to buy more U.S. supplies.

The Lusitania

A British passenager liner (cruise ship) sank off the coast of Ireland on May 7, 1915
German u-boat sank it said it was carrying ammunition
1,200 dead
128 Americans died

The Zimmerman Telegram

The British intercepted a telegram from Germany to Mexico. If Mexico joined the war on the Central Powers side Germany would help them get back Texas, Arizona & New Mexico

The Russian Revolution

Tsar Nicholas II was overthrown. He was a tyrant and the U.S. didn't want to be on his side during the war. With the Tsar out of the picture the U.S. joins the war.

On April 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson asked Congress for a declaration of war against the Central Powers. He said that "the world must be made safe for democracy".