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 passenger liner (cruise ship) sank off the coast of Ireland on May 7, 1915. German U-boat sank it. It said it was carrying ammunition.

- 1,206 dead
- 128 Americans died

**The Zimmerman Telegram**
The British intercepted a telegram from Germany to Mexico. If Mexico joined the war on the Central Power's 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."