**History 22nd April:**

**The USA Enter WWI**

**TIALT:**

Understand one of the reasons why the USA entered WWI in 1917

**Isolationism:** a policy of remaining apart from the affairs or interests of other groups, especially the political affairs of other countries

Isolationism stopped the US from joining the war because they adopted isolationism therefore, they cut themselves off from the war. They also didn’t have much information on the war, such as the sides, alliances…

The president also envisaged a peaceful and tolerant community. He believed that if you want to fight, you need to be ruthless which he didn’t want to become along with his people.

The USA enter the war – The sinking of the Lusitania

When did the Lusitania sink? (date)

May 7th, 1915

Why did the ship sink?

Germany defended themselves by stating that Lusitania was carrying weapons (they were not wrong).

How many people died?

1198 Men, women and children

What do you learn about the ship itself? Which country owned the Lusitania?

It mostly carried passengers between US and Britain. This ship was owned by Lusitania.

What mistakes did Captain Turner make?

He did take advice so he slowed the ship down and kept sailing straight

How many Americans died when the ship sank?

128 Americans

How did President Wilson react to the sinking of the ship (neutrality = when a country does not take sides in a war).

What did former President Theodore Roosevelt argue for in his book?

How did the sinking of the Lusitania affect the opinions of the US public on the war?

**1 reason why USA joined WW1:**

In 1915, Germany came policy of unrestricted submarine combat in the Atlantic Ocean. This resulted in U-boats finding and sinking and ships in their way. This happened to the RMS Lusitania. It left in May 1915, its destination was Liverpool. 6 days after it left, it was spotted by a U-boat and obviously, it was attacked. 1,198 people died. Out of these people, 128 were American which caused and outbreak of rage in the US.